# Prime Minister in 5-hour surprise visit to Ulster

The Prime Minister paid a five-hour, unannounced Christmas visit to Northern Ireland vesterday, his first for 18 months. He was seen by only a few shoppers, soldiers and invited employees of the public services. Speaking at a lunch at Stormont, he said it was up to Ulster's politicians to agree on a political settlement; Westminster could not impose one.

### Warning that 'wasp can still sting'

From Christopher Walker

Unonnounced and largely unseen by all but a scattering of Christmas shoppers, soldiers and handpicked members of the public services, the Prime Minister paid a five-hour visit to Northern Ireland yesterday. During the morning he was given on unrehearsed insight into the realities of daily life for British troops in the pro-vince when he stopped to visit a former hotel that now serves as an army base in the centre of

As Mr Callaghan was being shown the mechanical intrica-cies of "Felix", the Army's bomb-disposal robot, alarm bells throughout the barricaded building began to jangle, indicating that bombs had been

anted near by.
While government officials of reporters looked on be-used, the formality was stilly abandoned as a five-hicle bomb disposal team was nnt from the premises. Soon fterwards two bombs exploded mile away wrecking the remises of one of Ulster's leadng advertising agencies, which ad lost its former offices in a similar attack only four weeks

The incident was not suffi-tient to prevent Mr Callaghan, n his first visit to the province r 18 months, from presenting a optimistic picture of the curity situation and of his overnment's achievements over ie past year. But he acknowdged at one point that "the On a brief walk along 200 ards of Royal Avenue, Belfast's nuch bombed main shopping

treet, Mr Callaghan received a nw-key but friendly welcome from most shoppers. The occaional housewife tried to raise to question of political status or convicted terrorists, but the rotests were lost in a chorus i seasonal exchanges. Mr Callaghan's only set

workers in the essential services at Stormont, including two partitime firemen defying the present strike. In a general reference to the improving security position and the more than 70 per cent drop in civilizat casualties compared with 1976, he told them: "We have not you the bestle wet have not any the bestle wet have are won the battle yet, but we are doing a great deal better than

On the subject of the continuing political deadlock in Ulster, Mr Callaghan spoke up for the advantages of direct rule from Westminster, but acknowledged that it was not

sufficient.

"All political groups here, whoever they may be, have got to join in the discussions and see if they can work out a common solution", he said, speaking on the bleak steps of Stormont Castle, the building that once housed the old Unionist Government.

Unionist Government.

"We cannot impose a solution from Westminster, we can only suggest things. It is for the politicians and the people they

politicians and the people they represent to decide the way they want it to go."

Last night the Provisional IRA lanched a concerted bombing attack against bottels and restaurants throughout the province. After three devices had exploded in different premises the police broadcast on television urging hotel and restaurant owners to search restaurant owners to search their properties.

The first attack was shortly after 8 pm whea diners and guests were hastily evacuated from the Culidean a luxing land. A bomb was discovered in a bedroom and Army experts were called in. In the next hour bombs

exploded at a country club in Lurgan, an hotel in Carrickfergus, and in an hotel in Hills-borough, co Down.

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Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC, arriving at Congress House, London, amid shouts and boos from

striking firemen in a demonstration by 1,500 people. The TUC General Council rejected by 20 votes to 17 a

tering its sixth year, continue

guerrilles and 10 tribesmen said to be living with guerrilles, while five more tribesmen have been murdered by guerrilles. Salisbury, Dec 21.—Conference sources said Mr Sithole's party opposes a blocking third for whites and is willing to have whites given only a non-blocking fourth of the future parliament's membership. It is, however, willing to agree to a government demand that there be separate voters' rolls—one for whites and one for blacks, the sources said.

rolls—one for whites and one for blacks, the sources said. The Muzorewa organization is agreeable to a blocking third for whites but wants a common voters' roll, the sources said. The safeguards that a blocking third would protect include a justiciable bill of rights—rights that can be fought for in court—the independence of the judiciary, and a guarantee the

move to support the firemen's demand for a public campaign against Cabinet imposition of the 10

per cent earnings limit. Firemen also booed when the result announced. Report, page 2.

### Smith breakthrough on whites veto near

From Frederick Cleary Salisbury, Dec 21

A breakthrough appears to have been achieved at the Rhodesian internal settlement talks. According to well informed sources, the Rhodesian Government and the three nationalist organizations have resolved the problem of a blocking mechan-ism which would enable whites to veto retrogressive major legislation in a future black parliament."

Although they have agreed on the principle of such a procedure for a limited period, the nationalists have differed over the details with Mr Smith, the Prime Minister.

The Africans have refused to

accept separate voters' rolls be-cause this would amount to racial discrimination. How the problem of the blocking mechanism has been resolved is not known, but it has been the subject of at least

three of the past seven sessions of the talks. An agreed statement after today's 90-minute meeting said simply that discussions continued and various papers were tabled. It was papers were tabled. It was agreed to meet again tomorrow. A source close to the delegates said: "There has been a small breakthrough."

The Rev Ndabaning Sithole, leader of the African National Council (Sithole), chaired today's meeting.

day's meeting.
Neither Mr Sithole nor Bishop
Abel Muzorewa of the United
African National Council or
Senator Chief Jeremiah Chiran
of the Zimbabwe United
People's Organization talked to

journalists afterwards. The only person to comment as Mr Smith. Looking relaxed and cheerful, he confirmed that progress had been made. With one of the most impor-

with one of the most impor-tant points appearently having-been resolved or being well on the road to being resolved, it is now thought that the talks will speed up Meanwhile the civil war, en-

#### **Judge stops** attempt to ban pit and combined operations repor-ted today the death of three members of the security forces. Security forces have killed 13 guerrillas and 10 tribesmen said bonus plan

By Paul Routledge and Ronald Kershaw.

Militant miners' leaders bave lost a legal move to prevent the introduction of local producti-vity deals. The High Court yes-terday refused an injunction to restrain the National Union of Mineworkers from negotiating such schemes.

The decision means that ni or area incentive bonuses will be paid in most coalfields, im-proving coal production and the chances of a winter free-from industrial trouble in the

Leaders of the Yorkshire, South Wales and Kent areas who took action against the executive of the National Union of Mineworkers, its national officials and the South Derbyshire area, relied on their interpretation of the rule book but Mr Justice Watkins said theirs was "a hollow application". "It has no foundation in law or equity." he added.

court—the independence of the judiciary, and a guarantee the pensions will be honoured. Lusaka, Dec 21.—The Zambian Defence Ministry is investigating a machine-gun attack here before dawn yesterday on Zimbabwe House, headquarters of Mr Joshua Nkomo's Zimbabwe African People's Union (Zapu) guercilla army. A spokesman for Zimbabwe Mr Arthur Scargill, left-wing president of the Yorkshire Miners, said "the national in-terest" had been cited by the judge, and commented: "I judge, and commented: "I believe this judgment should firmly convince any made unionist that it is useless hop-A spokesman for Zimbabwe House quoted in the Times of Zambia said: "Rebel Rhodesian agents" stormed the buildsian agents "stormed the building but were repulsed by Zapu cadres who were now "more alert than ever".

Yesterday's shooting lasted five minutes, according to reports. The spokesman said: "There was another attempt by Smith's forces to overrue out cotabilishment less night. But

innions that it is useless noping for justice in the courts of
this land."

"The only way we are going
to obtain justice in my view is
by fighting for democracy as
our forefathers did in establishing the trade union and
labour movemen."

Even in Mr Scargill's area pressure for incentives is growing. Men at Kellingley colliery, one of the most productive pits in the country, with an annual output of 1,400,000 tons, met last night to consider an approach to local management, bringing to 18 the number of Yorkshire pits where miners have taken such an impative. The union's claim for £135 a week for face workers, a 90

per cent rise with proportion ate increases for other miners is still on the table, but the High Court decision means that the steam has for the time being gone out of that cam-

#### UK takes first steps to ease exchange control By John Whitmore

The Government is making a number of relaxations in the change controls.

In addition to the relaxations being made specifically in respect of other EEC countries, the Government is also abolishing the 25 per cent surrender vestment in respect of all over-

The relaxations have been made after lengthy discussions with Brussels which has been pressing for some time for Britain to make some more positive move to implementing its original Treaty obligations. Under these obligations Britain should have been steadily dismantling its controls over capital flows between the United Kingdom and the EEC over the past few years. Indeed, the final stage of dismantling controls, the ending of controls over overseas portfolio invest-ment, had been due to take

effect from the end of this year.
In fact, Britain has taken
very few steps down the roadto liberalization to date and present controls over the out ro liberalization to date and ward movement of capital from even the latest moves can be this country in response to regarded as only a first, and Community demands for the fairly limited, step. liberalization of Britain's ex. This has been because of

Britain's chronic balance of payments for much of the Seventies, a fact that the EEC has recognized—as it has with other deficit member statesby regularly giving the neces-sary authorization for allowing the original timetable to slip.
A start was made with libera-

lizing controls over outward direct investment in 1972, but the door had to be shut again in March 1974 as a result of the deteriorating health of the pound. The newly-announced relaxs

tions for direct investment in the EEC involve changes in what is known as the "superwhat is known as the "super-criterion". This is the basis on which official exchange is made available to British companies investing abroad and the proposed changes are twofold. First, the amount that can

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### Sugar firm accused of paying low wages

Allegations that Tate and lent to £6 a week. The com-yle paid some of its workers pany said that the women may £4 a week until recently filmed had lied because the Lyle paid some of its workers only £4 a week until recently were made in a film on South Africa shown by Associated Television last night. Women workers living in a

compound with no sanitation and no piped water, whose children were suffering from apparent malnutrition, told the ATV team that they were paid one rand (63p) a day.

They said they were given no food or rations; if they were sick and could not work they

were not paid and if they were injured they were never com-A male cane cutter said he

earned £9.50 a week had to leave for work while it was still dark and returned home

after sunset.

Tate and Lyle, which formerly owned the principal share in the company employing the workers, told the reporters that no women earned less than 40

in promotional activity. The cost of that activity must be reflec-ted in the price. The company is therefore convinced that in

the long run to permit the free flow of parallel exports by wholesalers buying at the

United Kingdom price would put at risk the whole of its valuable export business not onl in the EEC but throughout

The brands on which the com-

pany is seeking price increases include Black & White, White

Horse, Dewar's and Var 69, but beyond stating that the maxi-

mum rise sought would be £6

a case of 12 bottles-equivalent to 75 per cent on the manufac-

Prices were last increased by

12p a bottle, in March.

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the world "

reporters paid them to do so. It maintained that the women enjoyed fringe benefits worth 52 rand am onth, including accommodation, food, medical attention, sports facili-

ties and literacy training programmes. In the case of the male cane cutter, it agreed that he carned £9.50 a week but said that he

worked a maximum of nine hours a day. Tate and Lyle, which last week issued a statement saying

that the interviews were "dis-torted", sold its holding in the company employing the workers interviewed after the film was made. The ATV team alleged that it was concerned "Africa and therefore had to be more careful about its record as an employer in South Africa.

### Hirsch sale is likely to realize millions

By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent

Sotheby's announced yesterday that they are scheduling a 10-day auction next June that will leave Mentmore in the shade. They have been commissioned to sell the collections of the late Robert von Hirsch. of Basle. The sales are to be held in London and are expected to make more than the 56.3m realized by the contents of Mentmore Towers in May.

Mr von Hirsch's collection was bosically formed in prewar Germany. While building up his family leather-processing business he became a noted scholar and collector, well known in connoisseur circles, with a close relationship with the Städel Institut in Frankfurt

He left Germany for Basle when the Nazis came to power, negotiating permission to remove his collection from the country by ceding an important work by Cranach to Goering. The painting was returned to him after the war by the West German Government,

His donation of an important painting by Gauguin to the Basle Museum made him popu-

The collections to be sold by Sorhely's include Old Master, Impressionist and modern paintings, medieval, Renaissance and later works of art, including bronzes of the thirteenth to the twentieth centuries as well as furniture and complete of the eighteenth. and ceramics of the eighteenth century and earlier.

The older paintings and works of art reflect the taste of Mr von Hirsch himself; the collections of Impressionist and modern works were formed by, or under the influence of, his second wife, the late Martha Dreytus-Koch, widow of a banker.

The stars of the collection iclude a Giovanni di Paolo include a Gioranni d "Madonna and Child" a background of flowers, an early work formerly in the Chigi-Saraceni Pakace in Siena. There is an early Timoretto "Agony in the Garden" and a small El Greco "Flight into Foror?"

Among the Old Master draw-Among the Old Master drawings there are two great rarities, a Raphael "Study of a child" and one of Dürer's watercolour landscapes. The latter is said to have been bought from a German museum that found itself in difficulties. after the last war. There is Rembrandt drawings.

The later drawings the finest van Gogh to come on the market for 30 years, a view of houses at Ste Marie, in the Camarque. There is a whole series of Cezanne water-

Little was added to the collection in recent years. Mr on Hirsch devoted most of his time to his garden, buying the property next to his own and turning it into a gardener's paradise. He sought advice from the Royal Botanic Gar-

Mr von Hirsch, born in 1833, died last month. His wife had predeceased him. Sotheby's are selling the contents of his home on behalf of the executors.

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### Opec ministers fail to agree on new price levels

Oil prices are likely to remain at 1977 levels or at least another six months. Ministers from the world's leading oil exporting countries meeting in Caracas failed to agree on a new price level. The next scheduled opportunity to discuss prices is not until June, next year. The postponement will be seen as a victory for Saudi Arabia, Iran, Abu Dhabi and Qatar, which sought an extension of present prices Page 13

#### Fewer immigrants

Figures for immigrants accepted for settlement on arrival in Britain were 17 per cent less in the third quarter of this year than in the same reriod in 1976, according to Home Office figures. Commonwealth citizens were down by 39 per cent but foreign nationals were up by 40 per cent

#### 'Carlos terrorist' held

A West German woman who was arrested with a male companion by Swiss police on Tuesday

frer a shooting incident and car chase near the Franco-Swiss border has been identified as Fran Gabriele Kröcher-Tiedemann, sought in connexion with the abduction of Opec ministers
in Vienna two years ago
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### a with the Carol singers on bail

l'orty-four people, including four nuns and a priest, who were arrested on Tuesday night for singing carols in front of police headquarters in Johannesburg, were released on £16 bail each. They had congregated with lighted candles in front of police cells where anti-apartheid activits are being held. The 44 were still singing when led to the police station.

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Calls for harsher prison treatment rejected

Calls for imprisonment to be made harsher have been rejected by the Home Office in an import-ant policy review. It describes as mistaken the view that making prison a more disagreeable experience would deter the offenders from committing further crimes and serve as a salutary warning to others Page 3

#### Air services threat

The governments of Sweden, Denmark and Norway, which operate Scandinavian Airline Systems (SAS), have announced that they wish to terminate their air services agreements with Britain and to conclude new ones within the next 12 months: If no agreement is reached, flights between Britain and Scandinavia could be brought to a halt

China envoy leaving

Mr Sung Chih-kuang, the first Ambassador to Britain appointed by the "new" China, returns next week to Peking. Sino-British relations have been transformed during the past five years, thanks in a great measure, to his efforts. He also cooperated with *The Times* on organizing the Chinese exhibition in London in 1973 Page 5

Mr Stern told to pay

The High Court yesterday ordered Mr William Stern, the former property developer, to pay about £1.5m after an action brought against him by Keyser Ullmann, the merchant bankers. The bank said Mr Stern owed the money under a personal guarantee given in June, 1973. Mr Stern has been given time to appeal. Page 13 New chairman: Lord Winstanley, former Liberal MP, is to become chairman of the Countryside Commission on January 1 Rome: Vatican faces protests from 52 priests

over a decision to transfer some parishes in Southern Italy to other dioceses Washington: After a long search Yale University has found a new president, a 39-year-old

professor of a hold the post ofessor of arts who is the youngest ever to

Pakistan Test team ; Anstralia beat India by two wickets ; Rugby Umon : All Elacks take Springoks' place in 1978 tour to Britain Crewe out of the FA Cup. Business News, page 13-18
Stock markets: Both equities and gilts were narrowly mixed with the FT Index closing 0.4 up at Financial Editor : New possibilities for overseas investment; Wilkin-son, Match; The American pro-

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#### Peace talks 'set for bumpy ride' From Moshe Brilliant Tel Aviv, Dec 21

establishment last night. But again our vigilant cadres suc-

cessfully repulsed the enemy". Other sources, however, have

said the fighting was an internal affair centring on in

fighting among members of the Kalanga and Ndebele tribes, Mr

Nkomo is a Kalanga.

Mr Ezer Weizman, the Israeli Defence Minister, returned from his mission to Egypt today and said that the peace talks there are not going to be a smooth ride ".

There would be " a bump here and a bump there", he said at an airport interview. ar an airport interview.

His talks with President Sadar and General Gamassi, his Egyptian counterpart, dealt with what would have to be done to safeguard Israel's security if peace is concluded in Sinai. The discussions had pro-duced agreement on some issues

and differences on others.

The real work would be done he real work would be done by the Egyptian President and Mr Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister, when they meet on Christmas Day in Ismailia, Mr Weizman said, Asked if he was optimistic, he replied: "I am honeful."

hopeful."
Denying a report from Egypt
that he had told General
Gamassi Israel would free
Arab security prisoners in response to a plea by Mr Sadat,
the minister said the question
had not been raised. writes: Before leaving Egypt Mr Weizman conferred for an hour with Mr Sadat, their second meeting in less than 24

The President said that during the meeting, attended by Mr Hosni Mubarak, the Vicerident, and General Gamassi they discussed the broad lines of an overall settlement, and added that Mr Weizman was expected to pay a second visit Asked whether be bad received a specific peace plan from President Carter after his talks in Jerusalem with Mr Begin, Mr Sadat replied: "I do not think there has been any specific plan. President Carter is trying not to comment or give any specific plans until Mr Begin has his conference with

Today's session of the pre-parancy peace talks in Cairo were postponed until tomorrow as Mr Eliaho Ben Elisar, leader of the Israeli delegation, left the city to meet Mr Weizman before the minister's return to for a reconvened Geneva peace conference, are likely to last until early next year. Photograph and Arab reaction,

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### Distillers applies for 50p on four lines of whisky

Rather than end the price protection it gives to Conti-nental distributors, the Distillers Company is seeking to raise the United Kingdom price of four main brands of its scotch whisky by up to 50p a bottle. In response to an EEC direc-

tive to end discriminatory pric-ing Distillers, the world's largest producer of scotch, said that if the Price Commission refused the proposed raise in recommended prices it would consider stopping the sale of those brands in Britain. One of its products, Johnnie Walker Red Label, is in any case to be immediately re-served exclusively for sale exclusively for abroad. However, the de luxe version, Johnnie Walker Black Label, will continue to be adver-tised and sold in the United The price of Haig, the com-pany's next biggest selling brand in Britain after Johnnie

Walker Red Label, will be unchanged. No similar moves are planned for gin and vodka which are also affected by the EEC directive. It is possible to manufacture both spirits abroad and their export sales are not us important as whisky to Dis-tillers.

Export markets account for more than 80 per cent of the company's output of scorch last financial year. Sales such a rise would be applied within the EEC alone are estimated to be as large within the minimum many large with the minimum many large was a large within the minimum many large within the minimum many large was a larg whisky with sales overseas mated to be as large as the home market and with a much faster potential growth rate.

Fog again delays Turners not for air travellers Somerset House

Thousands of early Christmas travellers were delayed yester The trustees of the Tate and the National Gallery yesterday day as fog brought confusion again rejected a proposal to to Gatwick, and Heathrow air-ports, which were trying to clear the backing of passen-gers affected by delays on Monday. use part of Somerset House to display paintings by Turger. They ruled out the various possibilities for Some House because of fire risk

controlled export price to match that charged in the United Kingdom. The two-tier export price was introduced to protect foreign distributors, who spend an average of 42p a bottle on advertising and pro-motion, the company estimates. As a result, sole distributors abroad pay about 70p a bottle tax) for Distillers' whisky but others who wish to export were charged £1.13 a bottle.

The British price charged for sale is 66.6p a bottle. In a statement issued last night, Distillers said that "success in export markets re-quiries substantial investment

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Donald Macintyre

The credibility of the Government's income policy barely sur-such an unexpectedly small vived an onslaught by left-wing majority, came as a blow to the and public sector union leaders when the TUC General Council met yesterday to consider the next move in the six week-old firemen's strike.

By 20 votes to 17 it rejected a move to support the firemen's demand for a public campaign against the Cabiner's imposition of a 10 per cent wage rise limit. Opinion shifted noticeably against the Government's hand-

That movement was partly reflected in a statement by the general council after a long debate in Congress House against a noisy background of instructed to continue to seek about 1,500 striking firemen out- an agreed settlement. They are side. Union leaders reaffirmed to meet FBU leaders next week side. Union leaders reaffirmed that they were not party to the after the firemen's executive has 10 per cent limit and warned the reviewed the strike Government of the danger of December 29.

A fire in a two-storey council

house at Wednesbury, West

Midlands, yesterday, in which

four children aged between five

and twelve died, was said by a

senior army officer to be-"the

Christmas tragedy we have all

Troops with breathing appara-

tus were unable to reach the children in time, and 30 soldiers, Royal Marine com-mandos and police were beaten

back by flames that engulfed the house at Frier Park in a

The four, who died huddled together in one bedroom, were

Suzanne and Denise Brazier, aged 10 and 12, and Anthony and Lisa Bowen, aged five and

Their mother; Mrs Maureen Erazier, aged 30, who had lived in the house for five years with Mr Arthur Bowen, a building

Ey Alan Hamilton With the firemen on strike,

the parish pump has acquired an added significance. Local

country have been reporting cheering tales of sympathy and cooperation between the public, striking firemen, and Services fuefighters

The Hexham Courant reports

that soldiers on fire duty bil-leted in Hexham drill hall, have

been pleasantly surprised at the warm reception they have had from local residents, who have loaned them easy chairs, two

them free hot showers at Hex-hom swimming bath.

The regular firemen at Bryher, Isles of Scilly, had no

nesitation in turning out when

an area of damp, bracken-covered hillside caught fire last

week, The Cornishman reports. The cause of the fire remains

few minutes at breakfastime.

From Arthur Osman

**Eirmingham** 

been dreading ".

applying rigid norms or figures

picketing firemen and they silenced their leader, Mr Terence Parry, by prolonged booing when he told them about the vote through a loudhailer borrowed from the police.

Mr Parry, general secretary of the Fire Brigades Union, had the Fire Brigades Union, had sought the general council's support for rejection of the recommendation of its "inner cabinet's "ruling that the TUC should campaign publicly against the income policy.

Mr Len Murray, the TUC general secretary, and Mr David Basnett, chairman, have been

Basnett, chairman, have been

worker, tried to rescue them

She was detained in hospital

but was beaten back by flames and smoke.

She was detained in hospital with severe shock and burns. Three "Green Goddess" fire appliances arrived in less than 10 minutes and troops were told by fire experts that it was unlikely that professional firemen could have rescued the children.

Firemen return: Mr Henry

Evans, the Fire Brigades Union

secretary for Surrey, yesterday decided to return to work, say-

ing that he did "not want to be led by the nose", and con-

tinue on strike (our Labour Staff writes).

who led the call in the union's

south-east region for a recalled

alone can call off the strike. He

said that more than a hundred of the brigade's 642 members

had returned to work.

In Hertfordshire, union officials met representatives of 60 firemen who had decided to

conference, which

At the parish pump: Public do their bit in face of threat of fire disasters

Free beer and easy chairs cheer the troops

narional

Four children die in house blaze

Mr Murray said last night: tween supporters and opponents We have spelt out that this of pay policy since income re-10 per cent was dreamed up by the Government, and the imments in that figure, where it is necessary to solve a problem or where it is justifed.

"There has been no doubt in our minds throughout that without making the firemen a special case, because they are not asking for that, there is a strong case for a more flexible negotiating position between the employers and the Fire Brigades Union."
That view has been pressed

on ministers to no avail. A proposal during yesterday's de-bate that a top-level TUC team should see the Prime Minister to restate it was not taken up.

Yesterday's general council vote is the clearest division be-

persuade them to change their minds.

Rent threat : Hampshire Count

Council has sent letters to full-time firemen living in council

houses saying that their rents will be increased on February

1 unless they are back at work by then (our Guildford Corres-pondent writes).

A young married fireman at Aldershot living in a two-bed-roomed house said that accord-

ing to the letter his rent would go up from £8.75 to £35 a mouth. He said rents were sub-

sidized because there were bleepers in the house and fire-men were on call 24 hours a

Appliance crashes: A Green Goddess on a dummy emergency

call crashed into a lamp post during a visit by the Duke of Edinburgh to a temporary fire station at a disused factory on

the Queensile industrial estate, Glasgow, yesterday (the Press Association reports).

straint was introduced two and plication of that is that the unions, the transport workers, Government should be prepared miners and engineering worte allow relatively small move kers, were split, and the kers, were split, and the "anti" vote supporting the firemen went far beyond the leftwing rump that has consistently opposed pay curbs. The general council now finds

itself in an ambivalent position; It has rejected a campaign against the pay policy, but the policy is unpopular and there is widespread sympathy in the labour movement for the fire-

However, many union leaders re still unwilling to create political embarrassment for the Labour Government, despite deep mease at the way ministers are treating the 10 per cent as an inflexible limit in

the public sector.

The firemen's demonstration was the noisiest and biggest seen outside Congress House for many years. An egg thrown at Mr Murray-broke on a pillar above his head and spilt over his face and suit as he arrived for the meeting.

The mass lobby attracted perhaps a hundred hangers on

from what Mr Murray des cribed as the "lunatic fringe" dominated by genuine firemen, supported by a lesser number of other trade unionists.

There were loud shouts of We want names" when Mr Parry disclosed the general council's decision.

Mr Murray said of the demonstration: "If nothing more than that happens to me I am not going to lose a night's sleep over it. I have the highest respect for the Fire Brigades Union and I certainly do not judge it by a lunatic fringe that attaches itself to the union and exploits its genuine griev

ances."

He was referring to such groups as the International Marxist Group, the Socialist Workers' Party and the Workers' Revolutionary Party.



The Prime Minister shaking hands with a Christmas shopper in Belfast city centre during a surprise five-hour visit to Northern Ireland

Former MP to oversee national parks

### A man of town and countryside

Lord Winstanley is to succeed Mr John Cripps as chairman of the Countryside Commission on January 1.

He first achieved public prominence as one of the stars he won the Cheadle parliamentary seat in the 1966 general election he was a relatively obscure general practitioner whose main claim to fame had been to captain the Combined English Universities cricket team in 1941.

Once having entered politics, he became an active party spokesman on broadcasting and on health. He was prominent in moves to compel MPs to declare their interests and to reduce delays in calling by-elections when seats fell vacant, and was chairman of an all-party backbenchers working group on MP's pay and working conditions.

He also campaigned vigorously against cuts in education

Inncashire, will see his solicitor in the next few days to prepare an appeal to the Home Secretary against his

The county police committee

roadcasting. Although defeated in the

1970 general election be was able to continue to advocate the interests of thousands of "constituents" as the presenter of This is Your Right, the Granada Television programme. Familiarity with mass communi-cation gave him the opportunity to expand his activities as a journalist and author, on subjects varying from medicine to the threat to parkamentary independence posed by un-controlled lobbying.

controlled lobbying.

He reentered the Commons in the March, 1974, general election by gaining Hazel Grove for his party, only to lose it seven mouths later. In December, 1975, he was created a life peer, and during the past two years has contributed articles to The Times.

Temperamentally he is likely to prove something of a con-

to prove something of a con-trast to his academic predecessor, the gentle, rather reserved

that he accepted that he was a "new boy" and would have to spend some time learning and absorbing before he started talking publicly.

He added that he was abso

lutely delighted about the appointment. His lifeloug interest in the countryside and outdoor activities had its origins in school holidays spent at the family couldays in the at the family cottage in the Lake District, "I have climbed Scafell 21 times", he said.

Apart from cricket and walking, his outdoor interests also include golf and sailing. He and his wife spend most of their holidays in Cornwall and North Wales, where they own a boat. Lord Winstanley takes over at a time of increasing conflict tween landowners and visitors to the national parks, for which the commission is primarily res ponsible. He said yesterday that it was no bad thing that his roots were in urban society as

Dismissed police chief prepares appeal driven Jaguar police car for a social visit to a holiday camp. Mr Stanley Part, the discharges against him proved.

mussed Chief Constable of Mr Part, aged 60, was resting Mr Parr, aged 60, was resting at his home at North Shore, Blackpool, yesterday. His wife said: "He is too tired to see anyone."

Mr Parr, rejected the findings of the tribunal, headed by Mr Patrick Bennett, QC, which investigated his conduct. Members of the Labour group on Lancashire County Council yesterday supported the police authority's decision to dismiss him but called the Herrican but

#### numbers down by 17 per cent By Our Home Affairs Correspondent Immigrants accepted

**Immigrant** 

settlement on arrival to Britain were 17 per cent fewer in the third quarter of this year than in the same period last year. Home Office figures released vesterday showed a fall from 12,316 to 10.170, the same percentage decrease as in the second quarter. The 17 per cent

foreign nationals. United Kingdom passport holders fell by 52 per cent to 1,424, Indian citizens were 53 per cent lewer and Bangladesh citizens 30 per cent fewer.

drop included a 39 per cent fall for Commonwealth citizens but

a 40 per cent increase for

The main reason for the increase in numbers of foreign nationals was what the Home Office call an exceptionally high number of Pakistani citizens, a rise of 57 per cent, in 3,583.

That figure reflects

special arrangements made to speed the handling of the backlog of priority applications in Pakistan of wives and young children of Pakistan heads of households settled in Britain. The number of citizens of the

Commonwealth countries and Pakistan together who were accepted for settlement on arrival in the third quarter was 7,872; 22 per cent lower than in the same period last year. Acceptances on arrival of citizens of the New Commonwealth countries and Pakistan dropped markedly in the fourth for settlement on removal of ime limit also fell marked!y. The term covers reasons such as a grandparent born in the United Kingdom.

For Commonwealth citizens

the figure was 3,679, 16 per cent lower, and 4,314 for foreign nationals (1 per cent lower)
The introduction on March 22, 1977, of amended rules under which husbands are no longer granted immediate settle ment on marriage strongly in-fluenced the fall.

The number of foreign nationals accepted after four years' approved employment was 23 per cent higher than a year earlier. That reflects an increase in the number of Filipinos admitted on work permits four or five years ago, the Home Office says. The number of work-permit

holders and dependants ad-mitted in the third quarter of 1977 was again much lower than in the corresponding period last year for Commonwealth citizens (24 per cent down) and foreign nationals (18 per cent down). EEC residence permits issued in the third quarter numbered 1,563, against 1,380 the same time last year, mostly because of increased numbers issued to French and Italian nationals. the Home Secretary urgently to review the "entirely There were 209 illegal en-trants detected in the third

quarter of 1977, compared with lating to inquiries of that kind. 182 in the first and 184 in the

# a mysnery; minutes before it broke out two loud explosions were heard, and hundreds of

A teacher, Albert Hough, of Sackville Gardens, Hove, Sussex, National Front Parlia-

Mr Hough, aged 30, alleged that the James School of English dismissed him for his polytics. Mr Nicholas Hall, for the school, said Mr Hough onenly criticized the management and "poached" students for his own school.

#### Parity claim by union The Institution of Professional

Civil Servants, yesterday lodged a claim for a "temporary differential allowance" for 24,500 professional and technical staff who earn less than the people they supervise.

### Taxi fares up

being increased by a tenth from today; the minimum hiring charge will go up from 40p to 45p but the 10p surcharge imposed on each hiring last December will be abolished.

### Drug offender jailed

Satnam Singh, aged 29, of Letchworth, Hertfordshire, was jailed at Northampton Crown Court yesterday for six years on being found guilty of possessing nearly 211b of cannabis oil.

#### Driver loses appeal

a former motor racing driver, lost an appeal at Cnichester Crown Court yestercommissions at present. Although he would like to take a year off from composing, starting in the spring, it is quite likely that his sabbatical will be

#### Motorway services

Throughout the Christmas holiday, including Christmas Day, all motorway service areas will maintain refreshment, petrol, breakdown, lavatory and parking facilities, the Depart-ment of Trade said yesterday.

the hillside. The chief fire offi-cer of the Scillies has concluded that it must have been caused throughout the by a meteorite.

Firemen at Haverfordwest have told the Western Tele-graph that they will consider graph that they will consider deserting their picker line over Christmas for one special occasion the arrival of Santa Claus. Santa usually arrives in the town by fire engine, and the firemen are considering taking a fire engine on the road to ensure his prompt arrival. But they are adamant about one thing: "We will not let partimers drive it", they said.

Relations between firemen and public are equally good in

from local residents, two loaned them easy chairs, two television sets, a refrigerator and a game of Scrabble, and are supplying them with free beer. To make them feel really at home local pensioners are local pensioners. station have been given a con-signment of wood by an anonymous donor; from which they have built a shelter for pickets. They are also getting free supplies of firewood from

Hampstead men have collected rabbits were seen swarming up £1,200 from the public for their strike fund

The fire training being given to soldiers may be short, but it is clearly effective, judging by a report in the Kent Messenger. Private Tony Hale, having just completed a short Army firefighting course, was walking to his home in Maid-stone when he noticed a house on fire. He dashed in and rescued a woman, aged 82, who had been so engrossed in Match of the Day that she did not realize her bedroom was ablaze.

Meanwhile, the chief nre officer of Kent has reported that nine of his men have left the service since the strike In case anyone should think began, in spite of his warning that it is a man's life in the firefighting Army, the Westmorted Gazette provides evidence and fore doing so.

The strike is also causing

difficulties in Essex where the Essex Chronicle reports the chief constable of the county free supplies of firewood from a local firm of shopfitters, while their workmates at Kentish Town station have been given a Christmas tree and paper chains by a pensioner. Since the strike began the West

strike began the county police force has paid out £110,000 in extra overtime, and county councillors are reported to be looking for ways to transfer the money saved from firemen's unpaid wages to the police.

From such figures it would be reasonable to conclude that the public is at least aware of the dangers of fire. That is not the case in Treforest, South Wales, according to the Pontypridd Observer. A public meeting was called at the start of the strike to give advice to house-holders on fire prevention and how to organize street firewatch

theigning Army, the Westmor-land Gazette provides evidence that a soldier's life is not all death-defying action. Army and RAF firefighters in Kendal had to wait almost four weeks before they received their first call, which turned out to be to a chip pan on fire. The squad now have their battle honours painted on the side of their Green Goddess, one chip pan

### missal recommendation of an investigated his conduct. independent tribunal which Charges found proved found 26 of 37 disciplinary included using a chauffeur-Man who 'made war on society'

dismissal.

gets 15 years A burglar said to have de-clared war on society with 14 raids on country houses was jailed at Exeter Crown Court yesterday for 15 years.

In 11 weeks last year Denis Morley's thefts exceeded £141,000, it was stated. Less than £15,000 of the silverware, antique weapons and heirlooms have been recovered.

The jury, after a 55-day trial, found Mr Morley, aged 36, guilty of 14 burglaries and one offence of corruption, the attempted bribery of a detective sergeant whose inquiries led to. Mr Morley's arrest the night he was due to leave Britain.

He was sentenced to 14 years' jail for each of the burglaries, to run concurrently, and a fur ther 12 months, to run consecutively, on the corruption count. He was ordered to pay £5,000 towards the prosecution costs. Mr Justice Duna told Mr Morley: "You have declared

war on society, and society should be protected from you for a very long time." The judge made special men-tion of several police oficers for the way they had handled the investigation. One was Det Sergeant Patrick Ward, attached to the regional crime squad at Bristol, who refused Mr Mor-

Today 'to stay will not be dropped

procedures "

the possibility of returning those powers.

Mr Shore is in favour of giving them back, and floated the idea of a limited change in to seek an urgent meeting with Mr Shore. Secretary of State for the Environment, to press the case for an early return to them of important local services, including education and social services.

All. 10 were autonomous boroughs before local government of Education and Science and the Department of Health and Social Security disagree.

Mr Charles Merrett, of Bristol City Council, who provided the main local services, for their communities, after meeting in London yesterday, representatives of the 10 expressed disappoint.

The 10 include both Labour and Conservative authorities.
They are Bristol, Derby, Cardiff, Hull, Leicester, Nottingham, Plymouth, Portsmouth Southampton and Stoke-on-Trent, all about 200,000 in

although the association does not favour the transfer of the In the next few weeks the group of 10 hope to see Mr Shore and other ministers.

#### 'Front' teacher's dismissal is ruled fair

sussex, varional Front Farnamentary candidate for Worthing, lost a claim for compensation when a Brighton industrial tribunal decided yesterday that he was properly dismissed for misconduct.

#### Taxi fares in London are

#### Sir Francis Samuelson, aged

day, against a ban for driving his car through a red traffic light at Worthing.

### Council may face more queries on dead youth

East Sussex county social services department may face further close scrumtiny over its handling of the case of Stephen Menheniott, aged 19, who was murdered by his father after he had returned to his home at St Mary's, Isles of Scilly, from the council's care.

An internal inquiry by the county council has discovered that the file on the youth was marked "closed" after his return home although. turn home, although the authority still retained paren-

The inquiry concluded that The inquiry concluded that the department did not positively question whether it still had parental rights over the child when, at the age of 15 in 1972, he returned to St Mary's. Three years later he was murdered. Thomas Menheniott, his father, was jalled for life. In fact the council still had parental rights hur no steps

parental rights but no steps were taken to persuade Cornwall County Council, the nearest county authority, to supervise

The internal inquiry concentrated only on the department's ment.

By Our Music Reporter

ties earlier this year.

Mr Malcolm Williamson,

Master of the Queen's Music,

has announced that he will be taking a sabbanical next year, once he has completed the two

important compositions whose unfinished state at the time of

their premiers caused difficul-

He will not accept any more

Mr Williamson is staying just

outside Paris, working on the Mass of Christ the King, which

was performed incomplete at the

Three Choirs Festival. He also

has to finish writing the music and then the orchestration of

take sabbatical next year

procedures, not on the "quality, of the professional work and judgment exercised" in the decision that the boy should re-

The council's social service

committee will consider the case on January 5.
Mr Ennals, Secretary of State Mr kinnais, Secretary of State for Social Services, is considering a letter from Mr Justice Willis, the judge at the trial of Thomas Menheniott, who said last week that he wanted to know what steps were taken by the state of t East Sussex or Cornwall county councils to see how the boy had fared on his return home.

East Sussex is especially anxious to dispel public fears over the case because of its social service department's involvement in the case of Maria volvement in the case or manus Colwell, aged seven, who was killed by her stepfather in 1973. Mr John Preddy, chairman of the council's social service committee, said yesterday that Stephen Menheniott returned home before Maria Colwell's death and therefore before any new procedures were adopted

in the social service depart-

symphony, which should have been performed before the Queen earlier this month.

Yesterday he told the organi-

zers of the 1978 International

Double Bass Competition in the

Isle of Man that he would not

be able to provide them with a short test piece, which he had

Mr Williamson's sabbatical may still involve him in much work, but the emphasis is likely

He should be doing some con-

ducting in Northern Ireland in

the spring, and some organ play-ing. He plans to give a perform-ance of Sir Lennox Berkeley's

concerto for two planos with Moura Lympany and to perform a concerto with the London

to be on performing

Mr Malcolm Williamson to Options on ending pact to

### dismissed By a Staff Reporter

The Manchester Evening

Employment All editions of the paper

alleging unfair dismissal.

Mr Isn McWilliam-Fowler, father (chairman) of the chapel, said: "We are ready to work according to our contracts, but the management have refused to allow us to work."

### 107 journalists in pay dispute

News yesterday dismissed its entire editorial staff. The 107 members of the National Union of Journalists' chapel (office branch) received letters from the management telling them that they were deemed to have dismissed themselves by work-ing to rule in pursuit of a pay agreement that has been dis-allowed by the Department of

appeared yesterday, having been produced by the editor and two senior company executives. The management had re-quired an undertaking that the journalists would return to nor-mal working by yesterday morning. The journalists say they were working to contract and that they intend to issue notices

### The BBC announced last night that the Radio Four morning programme Today

be debated by Liberals By Our Political Editor The special assembly of the Liberal Party meeting in Blackpool on January 21 is to debate a resolution giving options when to end the parlia-

mentary arrangement with the Government. A draft proposing the options of an immediate end to the "pact" or a later disengagement, as Mr Steel, the party leader would wish, was approved at a meeting of the party's standing committee in London on Tuesday night.

It is to be further considered and perfected by the party's assembly committee meeting on December 31 before being circulated to local party Party leaders will be con-

cerned to ensure that the deci-sion is clear-cut, and they will

hope that it enhances Mr. Steel's position and presents the image of a united party. As a result of last week's party furore over the failure of a larger majority of Labour

MPs to support a type of proportional representation in elections to the European parliament Mr Steel has already acknowledged the demand that the pact with Mr Callaghan must end. But he has made clear that it must end in orderly fashion; otherwise he cannot continue as leader. leader.

The calling of a special assembly results from a decision by the Liberal Party council to link the fate of the pact" with "Euro PR" "patt" with "Euro PR"— which itself was not central to the agreements between Mr Steel and the Prime Minister.

# Weather forecast and recordings

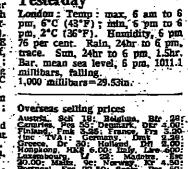


Sum rises: Sun sets: 8.4 am -· 3.54 · pm Moon sets: Moon rises: 4.49 am Full moon: December 25. Lighting up: 4.24 pm to 7.35 am. High water: London Bridge, 11.46 am, 6.6m (21.7ft). Avoumouth, 4.50 am, 11.2m (36.8ft); 5.20 pm, 11.6m (37.9ft). Dover, 8.53 am, 5.9m (19.2ft); 9.27 pm, 5.9m (19.5ft). Hull, 3.41 am, 6.2m (20.5f)t; 4.14 pm, 6.5m (21.2ft). Liverpool, 9.13 am, 8.2m (26.8ft); 9.31 pm, 8.3m (27.1ft).

Troughs of low pressure will cross the British Isles in a mild Forecasts for 6 am to midnight :

London, SE, E, NW and central N England, East Anglia, Midlands, N Wales, Isle of Man, N Ireland: Sunny intervals, scattered showers, more general rain later; wind S, moderate or fresh: max temp 12°C (54°F). WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY : c, cloud ; d, drizzle ;

Central S and SW England, Channel Islands, S Wales: Sunny intervals, scattered showers, more general rain spreading from SW; wand S fresh or strong; max temp 13°C (55°F).
Lake District, NE England, Bor Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind S. fresh or strong, perhaps gale later; sea rough.



Yesterday

St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind S, strong to gale; sea very

## Big city councils want functions back By Christopher Warman ment that no reference was tion of functions is co

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By Christopher warman
Local Government
Correspondent
The 10 largest district councils outside the metropolitan
areas in England and Wales are to seek an urgent meeting with Mr Shore, Secretary of State for the Environment, to press the

ment that no reference was tion of functions is costing the made in the Queen's Speech to ratepayers a lot of money", he the possibility of returning said.

population.

The case for the "organic change" put forward by Mr Shore is supported by the Association of District Councils,

Lake District, NE England, Borders, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll; rain early and late, some sunny spells; wind SE, fresh or strong, veering S, moderating temporarily; max temp 11°C (52°F). Edinburgh, Dundee, Central Highlands, NW Scotland: Outbreaks of rain, becoming brighter and mainly dry; wind SE, fresh or strong, veering S and moderating; max temp 10·11°C (50·52°F). Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney: Dry at: first, outbreaks of rain, clearer later; wind SE, fresh or strong, veering S and moderating; max temp 10°C (50°F). Shedand: Dry at first, rain

(50°F).
Shedand: Dry at first, rain later; wind SE fresh or strong; max temp 8°C (41°F).
Outlook for temperow and Saturday: Unserfied, with rain ar.

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Corpries, Pes 55; Denmark, Dir 4,00;
Finland, Pmk 3,36; France, Pm 3,00;
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Greece, Dr 30; Holland Df 2,00;
Monphony, H&S 6,00; Inly, Lee 6,00;
Luxemboury, W 22; Monfors, Es20,00; Malla, 9e; Norway, Kr 4,50;
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HOME NEWS



Night puts a shine on Trafalgar Square with its (left to right) fountains, Norwegian Christmas tree, National Gallery, South Africa House, and street lights sparkling like diamonds.

### Home Office rejects calls for harsher regime in the prisons

Home Affairs Correspondent Calls for imprisonment to be made harsher are rejected by the Home Office in an important policy review published

ocay. It describes as mistaken the view that making prison a more disagreeable experience would deter the offender from committing further crimes and serve as a salutary warning to

hers.

A custodial sentence is by
is nature inherently unpleann, and its main deterrent effects lie in the deprivation of the offender's liberty and the restrictions necessarily arising

from the regime", it says.

Even if it were possible to revert to such nineteenth-cen-tury devices as the treadmill or the crank there was no rea-son to suppose that custodial entences could be made any more effective, in terms of the protection of society, by such

The review is an expression of the wish of Mr Rees, Home ecretary, for more open discussion of policy options. In a preword he says he wishes to enerate public debate.

The review says that the preervation of the prisoner's per-sonality and the prevention of deterioration calls for as high priority as efforts to bring bout the inmate's improvement. But much of the rest of the 188-page review of the work the service in England and ales demonstrates the diffi-

realize that aim. Even the success of some of the measures introduced as alternatives to prisons has made the difficulties of run-ning them more intractable. They have not only creamed of some of the more stable and manageable elements that leavened the prison population in times past but have also "left more exposed the build-

ong sentences".

That build-up has resulted not least from the declining use and eventual abolition of the death penalty for murder and from the increasing use of life imprisonment for other

up of prisoners serving very

offences. For every life sentence prisoner there is hope of evenrial release, even though the crospect may be a remote one. Tut the Home Office admits:
"There may be some men who ere so dangerous that they will never reach the point where they can safely be released."
In 1913, the vast bulk of rison sentences imposed were up to two weeks—80,961, comup to three months.

Even in 1938 only 47 sen

tences imposed were over five years, compared with 532 in 1975, and life sentences have increased in that period from

The less use being made of sentences of a few days or weeks is due to such factors as the widespread use of fines and probation and by the allowance of reasonable time to pay fines imposed, the review says
The much longer sentences

are being served in obsolete buildings, deriving from a fail-ure to provide a single purpose-built closed prison or closed borstal during the 40s from 1918 to 1958. Of the 55 closed prisons in which male in-nates were held in custody at the end of 1975, only eight were built as prisons since

In many of the Victorian in many of the Victorian prisons the drains, power supplies and heating systems have become inadequate for modern needs or have reached the end of their useful life. "This has meant a real risk in recent years of a total breakdown of these essential services; and the department has spent the department has spent about film a year since 1969 on

A prison refurbishing programme to make the old buildings less harsh and drab and to make more ambitious improvements in some of them was originally scheduled to culties facing the service mean that only now can the review speak of most of the work hav-ing been carried out. The total cost is likely to be about £2,250,000.

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"It will be some considerable time before the service can be within sight even of the limited goals of climinating overcrowding; of providing acceptable living conditions for all those in custody; and thus of relieving the feelings of very real and immediate pressures under which many members of the service are undoubtedly operating."

"In view of the recent cuts in public expenditure and the consequential reduction in the funds available for prison building, it is stated, "it will not be possible to start building any further new penal

ing any further new penal establishment (other than one new category B dispersal prison at Long Newton) either to provide additional places or to replace Victorian accommodarion, until at least the early 1980s."

"ared with only 3,162 in 1975. Prisons and the Prisoner (Sta-The range of sentences most tionery Office, £5.25).

Social trends, 3: Drugs cost more than the doctors who prescribe them

### Life lasts longer for non-manual workers in the South

By Annabel Ferriman Growing hospital waiting lists, an almost static infant mortality rate, and much higher death rates in the North than the South are some of the black-spots on the health services. The latest volume of Social Trends, published by the Central Statistical Office, shows that hospital waiting lists rose from 604,000 patients in 1966 to 722,000 in 1976, most of whom

were awaiting operations. Despite that trend, however, the number of people in private medical insurance schemes started to fall. In 1975 it fell for the first time, from 2,334,000 to 2,315,000, and a year later it fell again to 2,251,000. During the same period premiums rose by 28 per cent.

Dramatic improvements in many countries infant mortality rates in the past 25 years have not been equalled in the United

Kingdom. The countries with the most significant reductions were Japan, where the rate fell by 82 per cent, and France, where it fell by 77 per cent. Both those countries now have better rates than the have better rates than the United Kingdom, where infant mortality is about 16 dearhs in 1,000 live births. For Japan, it is 11; for France, 13:

For the healthiest life it is best to live in southern England and take up a non-monual job. Standardized mortality ratios for men in Scotland, the North and North-west in 1975 were all more than 10 per cent above

more than 10 per cent above average, whereas East Anglia, the South-east and South-west all had rates more than 6 per

important factor influencing the age and cause of death. age and cause or usual Unskilled manual workers are much more likely to die of neumonia, bronchitis and

cancer of the lung than profes-sional men are. Even death from heart disease, commonly considered a special risk for men executives, is more frequent among unskilled men, and middle-class men are likely to live longer than their working class counterparts.

The commonest causes of

death have changed in the past decade. Between 1968 and 1975 deaths of men from heart disease, diabetes and pneumonia went up, whereas deaths from strokes and bronchitis went crease in deaths among women was from lung cancer, the rate of death going up 31 per cent, Accidents and violence were the commonest causes of death among men in the 15-24 age group, but not for young

The cost of drugs prescribed by family doctors was more than the cost of the doctors themselves in 1975, the figures show. Payments to doctors accounted for about 30 per cent of the cost of family practitioner services, whereas payments to pharmacists for drugs came to about 42 per cept. In 1955 the costs were more or less equal.

The proportion of women on the contraceptive pill rose from per cent to 30 per cent ween 1970 and 1975. A much larger proportion of the recently married used it than of those married 20 years ago: 60 per cent, compared with 29 per

The number of men suffering from sexually transmitted diseases rose from 92,000 in 1961 to 185,000 in 1976, and alcoholism admissions rose from about 8,000 in 1967 to

sharpest rise taking place between 1971 and 1975. Registered drug addicts increased by a fifth between 1971 and 1976, from 1,549 to 1,881; those on heroin and morphine dropped from 485 to 301. But those on methadone, a heroin substitute, rose from 1,160 to 1,477.

A huge drop in the numbe of children vaccinated is shown. or churren vaccinated is snown, the proportion for diphtheria, poliomyelitis and tetanus falling from about 70 per cent in 1966 to 56 per cent in 1976. For whooping cough it fell from 72 per cent to 32 per cent.

A larger proportion of professional and managerial men gave up smoking in 1976 than those in other groups; a quarter of them were former regular smokers, compared with 20 per tent in semi-skilled work and 14 per cent in unskilled.

### A statistical profile of Britain's regional tribes

The average Scot, if such a drimerical statistical creature can be said to exist is less can be said to exist, is less likely to own a motor car, but correspondingly more likely to travel by air than a fellow citizen in other parts of the United Kingdom.

If you live in East Anglia you are less likely to get married than the rest of us, but make up for it by being more likely to have central

but make up for it by being more likely to have central beating in your home.

Statistical regional proffles of the diverse and enchanting tribes that call themselves Reiersh are published today by

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cleared at Marylebone Magis-

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He was fined £50 with £34

costs and banned from driving for 14 months for drinking and driving.

tropical jungle with percentages and averages, conceal some interesting regional differences. For example, the everage Northerner travels less for (74 miles) each week than any other average British. To make up for it, he spends the highest proportion (5.9 per cent) of household expenditure on

Yorkshire and Humberside travels a high proportion of miles by bus; devotes a high proportion of his travelling to holidans and other holidays and other such joy-rides; and eats more fish than

which sounds a bit offensive.
If you live in the east Mid-lands you are statistically more likely to suffer or commit the offence of violence against the person than elsewhere in Eng-land. The South-east has the highest marriage rate, as well as the highest proportion of recorded robberies, thefts, and offences of handling stolen goods, fraud and forgery,

The average inhabitant of the South-west is least likely to go abroad for his holidays, and least likely to leave school without a quadification, if you live in west Midlands you are less likely to die of heart the Central Statistical Office. Statistical Office says he has disease than average creatures. In several different surveys CSO Regional Statistics No 13, The 149 tables, as dense as a high consumption of fish, in other parts of the United of earnings and income, the 1977 (Stationery Office, 26.50).

bacon and ham than the rest

There are some fascinating regional differences in eating habits. Wales has the highest average weekly expenditure a person on butter, and the lowest on coffee. Scotland has the highest spending on bread, and the lowest on fresh green vegetables. The North spends more than other regions on eggs and tea. Yorkshire and Humber-side spend most on fish. The South-east and East Anglia spend more than other regions on fresh green vegetables and

South-east always shows the highest income figures, except for male manual workers, where the North is always top. is a recent development. years ago six regions higher average earnings

the North. This annual anatomy of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland considered as 11 separate limbs does not give a rounded profile of each region, but it contains some useful and extraordinary facts for planners and businesses whose opera-tions need good regional know-

### Man cleared of Newspaper is criticized for not keeping its promise Failure to keep an under with the result that for 37 saying she had no idea the taking to show someone an years 3,000 wild acres had been article was about to appear. "I article of a personal nature managed virtually single-handed recall promising you a groof", before it was published in the "by the Dresden shepherdess she said.

A man who argued through his lawyer that he was justified in carrying a weapon for pro-tection in an area with a high risk of street attacks was Society against an article by Anne Batt

James David, who admitted that one of his reasons for carrying a knife was self-defence in Harlesden, London, The article commented on a book written by Mrs Kirby's first bushand, Thomas Firbank, entitled I bought a mountain and said he had become bored Mr David, aged 24, a factory worker, of Elm View Road, Wembley Park, formerly a Harlesden resident, had been found with a blunt sealor's

erticle should be on the work of the Snowdonia National Park Society. Before the interview Anne Batt promised to send her The article commented on a copy of the article before book written by Mrs Kirby's publication, she said. The first bushand, Thomas Firbank, entitled I bought a mountain and said he had become bored with his mountain and quit,

Mrs Kirby told the council that the article gave the wrong impression of her life and the farm. It caused her embarrass-ment when she received letters from unknown people who imagined she had been wilting broken-hearted in the mountains for 30 years, instead of which she had been happily married for most of that time. Her shepherd was also concerned that his dedicated work with the sheep was ignored and the

#### Resident orchestra

The Philharmonia Orchestra will become the resident orchestra at the annual Swansea Festival, it was announced yesterday.
Although the orchestra has appeared at the festival before, it has been invited to appear every year for at least three years.

#### impression given that she toiled alone. She had made clear that some of her remarks were

not for publication. The council's adjudication

The undertaking to send the complainant a copy of the article be-fore publication was not kept and the complaint against the Daily Mail is upheld. As a result of the failure to honour the undertaking the article included item of a highly personal nature which the complainant found offensive, although the intention of the article was to be sympathetic. other facts were not included which the complainant thought should have been.

#### No Welsh speaker

A public inquiry due to open on January 10 into Gwynedd County. Council's proposal to demolish part of the two Cromlech boulders at Llanberis Pass has been postponed because the Welsh Office can-not supply a Welsh-speaking

## engible for a supplementary heating allowance, despite their vulnerability to hypothermia, a survey by Age Concern, published today, suggests. More than half the pensioners interviewed aged 81 and over were unaware that heating assistance was available, compared with 36 per cent of the 71 to 80 age group and 23 per cent of those aged between 65 and 70.

Many old

unaware of

Many of the oldest pensioners

are unaware that they may be eligible for a supplementary

people

fuel aid

By a Staff Reporter

As well as pointing out "sig-nificant" dissousfaction among pensioners about the usefulness of the allowance, two thirds receive the lowest rate, now 80p, the survey says there is urgent need for Department of Health and Social Security statistics on age groups among pensioners.

The survey covers 307 pensioners interviewed in September. It confirms the rapid growth of awareness of heating assistance over the past five years, with more than two thirds of those surveyed aware that help was available. Supplementary pensioners are much less aware of the benefit, however, than the rest of retired people, it concludes.
Of the 43 pensioners who

claimed an allowance, 31 obtained it. That 72 per cent success rate is said to be encouraging for potential claim-ants. But 12 of the 31 said the with their heating bills.

Mr. Tony Ward, the Age Con-cern researcher, calls on the Department of Health and Social Security to release more details of its survey carried out in the winter of 1975-76 so that questions about eligibility and take-up may be answered.

#### Doctor's appeal dismissed

The appeal of Dr Nanda Kumar, aged 31, against a six-month jail sentence for indecently assaulting a girl of 13, was dismissed at Manchester Crown Court yesterday.
Dr Kumar, of Stepping Hill Hospital, Stockport, was sen-tenced on Monday by Stockport magistrates.

#### Man injured by battery radio A man suffered eye injuries yesterday when a radio set blew

up while he was examining it in a Brighton secondhand shop. Its batteries, because of faulty wiring, received a charge while it was plugged in, although turned off. The radios, known as Bambino

Hunters, are black, measure 8in by 5in and are made in

### Liberals propose Scots legal reforms

From Ronald Faux Edinburgh

The Law Reform Group of the Scottish Liberal Party pro-roses radical reforms to the Scottish legal system. In evidence to the Royal Commission on Legal Services in Scotland it suggests the abolition of the Court of Session except for appeal cases and removal of all custody cases to children's hear-

In addition it recommends abolition of the Faculty of Advocates, provision of legal aid before all tribunals and career training with a promo-tion system for judges. The emphasis, it says, should be on uniform sentences. The "inde-fensible" monopoly by solici-tors of conveyancing should be abolished.

The group proposes a new Department of Justice to oversee the administration of the courts and prosecutions. It is widely critical of the present arrangements for conducting

Mr David T. Harcus, Scottish Liberal spokesman on legal affairs and chairman of the group, introduced the report in Edinburgh yesterday and said: "The nub of our argument is that access to the courts in par-ticular and the legal system in general is getting more difficult at the very time when every citizen is subject to more and more laws and rules."

The Liberals are dissatisfied with present legal arrangements for three reasons: 1. Cost of litigation is so high that only the rich and those of the legally aided with low contributions can afford to sue or defend. The courts are denied to

most individuals. 2. Parliamentary checks on the executive are declining and citi-zens are more at risk dealing with ineffective legal remedies with the vastly increased bureaucracles of

criminal prosecutions and particularly of the division of responsibility between the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Lord Advocate.

Mr David T. Harcus, Scottish Liberal spokesman on legal affairs and chairman of the

The group says: "As part of a broad reform of the structure of appellate jurisdiction the House of Lords should, in Scottish cases suitable for

basic method of legal aid sershould form a first tier. It also wants more subsidies for lawyers to set up practices in area of multiple deprivation.

appeal to that court, sit in Edinburgh." The group wishes to eliminate the monopoly of the Faculty of Advocates to appear in higher courts in Scot-

It believes, however, that the vices should be founded on the private practitioner, backed by more government money for a big extension of the Citizens' Advice Bureau services, which

### Praise for young man who disarmed kidnapper

Peter Hawkins, aged 19, was barrel shotgun at his head he praised by Mr Justice Dunn was forced to drive through it and the police at Exerce Crown and a chase ended when a

and the police at Exeter Crown Court yesterday for his courage in handling an armed and dangerous kidnapper who had wowed to put a north Devon town "on the map".

Mr Hawkins, a tractor driver at Kents Farm, Dulverton, Somerset, received the tribute when the gumman, André Herples, aged 38, was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Mr Neil Butterfield, for the prosecution, said Mr Hawkins

prosecution, said Mr Hawkins acted with great coolness and considerable courage in disarm-ing Mr Herples after being forced to drive an estate car at high speed. His actions ended a three-day bunt for the gun-man, who had earlier forced another man at gunpoint to drive his car.

Mr Hawkins's family was

being held ar gunpoint at the

farm. He volunteered to drive

Mr Herples to Bampton, even though he knew he would head

road.

The estate car halted near the blockade. Mr Hawkins snatched the weapon from Mr Herples and held it out of the window.

Mr Herples, of School Close, Ramoron Devon was jailed for

was forced to drive through it and a chase ended when a

motorist helped to block the

Bampton, Devon, was jailed for life on each of two counts of abduction, two of aggravated abduction, two of aggravated burglary, and one of unlawful imprisonment. He was also sentenced to five years for burglary, two years for shortening the barrels of a shorgun, two years for frespassing with a firearm, and one year for taking a Volkswagen car without the owner's consent all to run the owner's consent, all to run concurrently. He pleaded guilty to all nine offences.

The judge congratulated Mr Hawkins on his great courage and presence of mind. He awarded him £25 out of public straight into a police roadblock.

With a sawn-off doubleinto a police roadblock. funds as a "small token of a sawn-off double-public appreciation".

### Replacement of board of film censors advocated

Censors should be replaced with a panel of representatives

The British Board of Film immune from prosecution for

the association says local authorities should lose their powers of censorship but should have the right, together with film companies, to appeal It wants local authorities to

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#### Solicitor ordered to be struck off The Solicitors' Disciplinary

Tribunal in London yesterday ordered the name of Mr Henry Lloyd Ashby to be struck off the roll for misusing money held for elients.

The tribunal found that it was a case where an honest solicitor under pressure had used a client's money for anclient's purpose. It said it might be appropriate for Mr Ashby, of The Marsh, Hythe, Southampton, to apply for restoration of his name to the

### Plastic ball inserted near brain cures eye paralysis

By Our Health Services Correspondent

A Cambridgeshire bricklayer, aged 33, has had a balloon, rather smaller than a mistletoe berry, implanted at the base of his brain. The operation is probably the first of its kind in Britain. The technique has been used in Russia and in France. The operation was performed at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cam-

bridge, by Dr Desmond Hawkins, a consultant radio-

fessor Gérard Debrun, in Paris. It was first described by a Russian doctor in 1974.

The operation is another example of using plastic within the body. The balloon blocks off a weakness in the wall of an artery, which, in the patient's case, led to paralysis of his right eye. Within two days of the 23-hour operation, eye movements began to return. The technique may be used to

treat circulatory diseases or

from local authorities, the film industry and critics, the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, to which all large

local authorities belong, has suggested. It proposes that a statutory British institute of film standards should take over from the voluntary board. The association feels that films should neither encourage nor condone violence, noe incite recial hatred, and should avoid extreme depravity". A certificate from the suggested institute would make an exhibitor

indecent or offensive film. In its evidence to the Williams committee on onscenity and film censorship,

against certificates given. retain powers of stricter control over film clubs It insists that there is no case for the abolition of film censorship.

armosphere at the National Assembly where the last day of the parliamentary session had accomended at midnight. The holiday Parliament mood, which already gripped have been the deputies and made it a freedoms. tough task for the Government

Many deputies knew, or feared, they would not return next April, after the elections, and others felt instinctively that, whatever the outcome at the polis, when the new Parliament meets things would never be the same as before, either for themselves or for the

country .
The Fifth Republic will be The Fifth Republic will be 20 years old next year. Although at the time when President Pompidou succeeded General de Gaulle, and even more when M Giscard d'Estaing was elected three and a half years ago, it was widely said already that the sixth had been formed by steakth, there is this time a haunting impression of the end

This impression is so much stronger now because with few exceptions over the last stormy 150 years, 20 years has been the average span of successive French regimes. What is cer-

the Fifth Republic—the only one to run its full five-year course

From Charles Hargrove
Paris, Dec 21
There was an end-of-school
National Assembly and their
parises he praised the imporwives, he praised the impor-tance of the legislative task it had accomplished. "This fifth Parliament, he said, "will have been the Parliament of In yet another demonstration

rush Bills through at the last minute, was tinged with a distinct mood of melancholia.

In yet another of the sectarian character of french politics, which corrupts even the atmosphere of a social occasion hosted by the head of even the atmosphere of a social occasion hosted by the head of state, the Communists had unanimously decided to decline the invitation, on the ground that it was a purely electoral

operation. The Socialists had been left free by their party managers to do as they wished. Three of them stayed away, but two of them came, as did one left-wing

In a speech of great dignity, the President took this as his cue to give his guests the benefit of three reflexions: "The first is that we have good insti-tutions which meet the requireour time, of our national character. In accordance with the duties of my office, I shall en-sure their existence in all cir-

cumstances. That is my first responsibility, he declared.

"My second reflexion is that French society is neither frozen nor stagnant, but on the contrary on the move. In the course of the next few years, it has of the past few years, it has tain is that, party politics apart, the country's desire for change is indisputable

At all events, President Giscard d'Estaing felt that the close of the fifth Parliament of "My third remark concerns

he Fifth Republic—the only one or run its full five-year course deserved a more ceremonial lose.

At a dinner at the Elysé

### Woman held by Swiss linked with Carlos

German woman arrested yester-day after a shooting incident involving Surger was men involving Swiss customs men was today linked with the abduction of oil ministers from

Tiedemann, aged 26, said to be an accomplice of the Venezue-lan terrorist "Carlos", who led the raid on the Vienna headquarters of the Organization of all etroleum Exporting Countries (Opec). She is alleged to have shot an Austrian policeman during the attack.

The raid on the Vienna headminister of Justice and Police, and the money "indicated a connexion with the Palmers (Opec). She is alleged to have shot an Austrian policeman during the attack.

Three people were killed and six wounded when six gunmen stormed into the Opec building stormed into the Opec building jailed in West Germany in 1973 and took 81 hostages, including for eight years charged with Shaikh Yamani, the Saudi attempting to kill three police-Arabian Oil Minister, and 10 men who caught her stealing

Frau Kröcher-Tiedemann was

Möller, a 28-year-old West Ger-man, suspected of having taken part in several bank robberies who was detained with her yes-

Vienna two years ago.

The woman, who was arrested with another West German, was identified as Gabrielle Kröcher-Tiedemann aged 26, said to be

who was detained with ner yesterday, were carrying dollar bills used as part of the ransom paid for Herr Palmer.

Mr Kurt Furgler, the Swiss President, who was answering questions in his capacity as

rilla movement. Frau Kröcher-Tiedemann wa

Nigeria (with 144 per cent more than the relevant workers' payment), Argentina (60 per cent on 1975 figures), Switzerland (Aargau, 27 per cent) and West Germany (14.3 per cent).

The study found that over a number of years the differentials have narrowed between the salaries of primary and salaries of primary and secondary school teachers and were later released in Algiers freed in March, 1975, with four other imprisoned West Cormons at the bottom and the top other imprisoned West Germans in exchange for the life of Herr individual scales.

"This may be socially justifiable, but it tends to also linked with the kidnapping Peter Lorenz, the kidnapped at Vienna last month of Herr West Berlin politician.—Reuter. dampen enthusiasm for obtain-ing higher qualifications which in turn could lead to a deterioration generally in the calibre of education", it adds. In some educational systems young graduate teachers in secondary schools are also receiving less than workers in

### Nato check on spy leaks

Bonn, Dec 21 General Alexander Haig, Nato

Commander in Chief in Europe, discussed West Germany's recent espionage case during a meeting today with Herr ning to resign and that he Schmidt, the Chancellor.

Defence Minister, was not planning to resign and that he would continue in office during More than 1,000 Defence the coming year. Democracy to Spaniards' liking

Spaniards have got through

Spaniards have got through their first democratic year feeling freer, in the main happier, and still fairly confused. They are looking forward to the new year which, they believe, will be better than 1977, according to the results of a series of opinion poils published today in the Christmas edition of the weekly news magazine Cambio 16.

"Spain today is Vicente Aleixandre [the Spanish poet who won this year's Nobel prize for literature] and Euro-

communism, unemployment and sexual freedom, political leaders and 'punk' music', the

The Manuses (the people of the island of Manus) of New

Guinea are famous for having

gone in one generation from

the Stone Age to the twentieth

magazine says.

From William Chislett Madrid, Dec 21

From Our Own Correspondent Ministry secret documents were apparently betrayed to East Germany by the spy ring.

Meanwhile, a ministry spokesman rold a press conference that Herr Georg Leber, the Defence Minister, was not planning to press and that he

tion or war."

Exactly the same percentage of Spaniards as Britons—82 percent in both countries—are satisfied with their way of life, according to the Instituto Consulta, which interviewed 1,500 people in Spain this month. Spaniards, however, have a lot more problems than the British. They seem to be surmounting some of them and are not very worried by the doom-

not very worried by the doom-laden forecasts about the economy and the destabilizing effect it could have on the

Sixty per cent said they were

Thirty-eight per cent said that

happier now than 10 years ago, when General Franco was still

political situation.

Franco regime.

century. Spaniard are begin-ning to be famous for going freedom; 23 per cent of those

Diocesan 'border war' waged in southern Italy

### 52 priests oppose Vatican decree on transfer of four parishes

Rome, Dec 21

The Vatican is today making light of reports about a border war in southern Italy involving four parishes and two dioceses which straddle the regional frontier between the regions of

Reports that 52 priests are in "a state of agitation" and threatening a strike are described by the Holy See as "ten-dentious and frequently false". Cardinal Baggio, prefect of the Sacred Congregation for the Bishops, received a delegation of priests and laymen from the area yesterday. The meeting was said to have been "tranquil and quiet."

The cause of the rension is a

The cause of the rension is a The cause of the rension is a decree issued by the Vatican taking four parishes away from the diocese of Trivento and adding them to that of Sulmona. Three of the parishes are in Castel di Sangro and one in Alfadea.

The object of the change, according to the Sacred Congregation for the Bishops, was to serve the convenience of the faithful of the four parishes who have much better communica-tions with Sulmona than with Trivento. The four parishes are in the Abruzzi region, as is Sulmona, while Trivento is in Molise. in the Abruzzi region, as is Sulmona, while Triveuto is in
molise.

But this is one of the points

Antibaso was
nominated Archbishop of Campobasso and a prelate from
Pescara, Mgr Antonio Valentini,
was named as his successor.

**Teachers** 

off than

start worse

semi-skilled

Geneva, Dec 21
In some countries primary

school teachers starting their careers are paid less than semi-skilled manufacturing industry

manufacturing industry.

The study suggests that, where teachers are concerned, the question is not whether the country can afford to pay but rather whether it can afford not

Only 6 per cent said that demo-cracy meant nothing to them.

As expected in a country where law and order has been

from a dictatorship of 40 years to a democracy without revolution or war."

Exactly the same percentage of Spaniards as Britons—82 percent in both countries—are the same percent approved of the same percent approved of the same percent approved to protest.

think that democracy is deca-dent in spite of the long years themselves Catholics but only 29

From Our Correspondent

This nomination calmed those who thought that the diocese of Signor Aldo Santucci, the Christian Democrat mayor of Trivento was threatened with Christian Democrat mayor of Castel di Sangro, says that apart from the question of ecclesiastical convenience, the cifizens of his town feel they have more ries across the border with their Molise neighbours than with the Abruzzi region to which they officially belong extinction. But on December 8. cathedral at Trivento, Mer d'Antonio announced that the four parishes would indeed pass from Towento to Sokmona.

The next day an assembly officially belong.

was held in the parish church of San Giovanni Battista at Castel di Sangro. On December 12, a Vatican official arrived in He has written to the Pope on the matter but he admits that there is disagreement on the issue both among priests and Triveuto with the official lay people and some favour the

. and the bishop were called " traitors " by some of the oppo-sition and it is said that, when The leader of the opposition The leader of the opposition to the decree, Don Alfonso Cerrone of the parish of San Giovanni Battista in Castel di Sangro, claims to be fiighting against dismemberment of the Trivento diocese. The opposition also alleges that the Bishop of Sulmona, Mgr Francesco Amadio, has given himself a bad name locally by once calling in the carabinieri to protect a new parish priest saying Mass the Vatican's emissary announced that he had brought the Pope's blessing, the priests lead-ing the agitation refused it. One of the principal claims emerging now was that changes in diocesan boundaries could no longer be made without the cousent of the parishioners con-

The attitude of the more turbulent clergy shocked some sections of local opinion. Signor a new parish priest saying Mass from people protesting against the removal of his predecessor. Santucci said that certain young priests in the high Molise were unwilling to show respect for the hierarchy. "We cannot", he concluded, "declare war on the Holy See." stood that they agreed on the cession of the four parishes. Last month Mgr d'Antonio was

Cardinal Baggio is due to go on Boxing Day to Pescara to consecrate Mgr Valentini as Bishop of Trivento.

open a new scheduled air ser-vice from Birmiogham to

Copenhagen.
The British Government then

told SAS that it could no longer use Glasgow amport, but must

fly into Prestwick instead, and on its Copenhagen-Manchester-Dublin service it could not pick

up fare-paying passengers in Manchester for Dublin, nor in Dublin for Manchester.

### Scandinavian threat to British air pacts gan in October after the Derby-based independent airline British Midland was refused permission by the Danes to

By Arthur Reed Air Correspondent

The governments of Denmark, Norway and Sweden said yester-day that they wish to terminate their air services agreements with Britain and to conclude new ones within the next 12 months. If agreement is not reached

In March Mgr Amadio met

the Bishop of Trivento, Mgr Enzio d'Antonio, and it is under-

careers are paid less than semi-skilled manufacturing industry workers on their first job, according to a survey by the International Labour Organizawithin that period, flights between Britain and Scandinavia could be brought to a halt. This almost happened between Britain and the United On the basis of 1976 figures, Canada (New Brunswick) paid primary teachers at the bottom States in Tune after Britain canstep of their salary scale 44 per celled the Bermuda air services agreement. The new one was signed as the 12-month deadline step of their salary scale 44 per cent less than average earnings in manufacturing industry.

The difference for England and Wales was 32.5 per cent, for Japan 35 per cent, for Italy (1975 figure) 41.8 per cent.

Teachers were best off in Nigeria (with 144 per cent more than the relevant workers pay-

Giving their reasons for their action yesterday, the Scandinavian governments said that the present agreements, which dated from the 1940s and 1950s, did not conform to the development of civil aviation principles

of later years.
What they are particularly concerned about, however, is the British policy of designating several zirlines on the routes between Britain and Scandinavia while their own airline, SAS, represents all three Scandinavian countries.

**Britain putting** 

Europe licence.

brakes on

the Community

Dublin for Manchester.

The Scandinavian governments said yesterday that they had been notified that four British carriers in addition to British Airways—British Midland, Dan-Air, Air Anglia and British Caledonian—were planning to extend their operations to Scandinavia to Scandinavia.
"The realisation of these

plans would increase capacity beyond the actual traffic de-mand. We are not at present prepared to grant new operat-ing rights to independent British carriers." The establishment of scheduled services by such airlines would jeopardize the de-

velopment of primary routes by which the interests of the pub-

#### Unemployment in EEC shows little change

From Our Own Correspondent Brussels, Dec 21 Brussels, Dec 21.-Nearly six million people were out of work in the nine countries of the EEC at the end of November, according to official figures released today.

The official monthly enalysis and although the total of EEC transport ministers agreed in principle in Brussels today to introduce a European driving licence, valid throughout

said although the total of 5,997,000 represented a 12 per Most contious of all were the British who fear that the scheme proposed by Mr Jos Chabert, the present Belgian president of the Transport Ministers' Council, would lead to a lowering of road safety standards. cent rise over last year, it was only a small increase over last month and when seasonally adjusted showed no significant change.
The statistics showed a fall

ine statsuce snowed a fall in unemployment last month in two countries—in France, where it dropped by 2.2 per cent, and in Britain, where it decreased for the third month running, this time by 1.3 per cent.—Reuter. Mr Chabert's idea is that from the beginning of 1980 member states would undertake to issue national licences in a standard-ized format. This would be followed by gradual harmonization of national rules on driving

### Bomb supplier jailed

where law and order has been strongly enforced, disorder is the thing that most people—33 per cent—fear about democracy. Twenty per cent of those questioned feared growing unemployment most.

Contrary to the popular myth that Spaniards are lazy and spend a lot of time in bars drinking, the polls showed that the great majority are hardworking, putting in between 41 and 50 hours a week. From Our Own Correspondent
Bonn, Dec 21
Dierk Hoff, the Frankfurt
metal craftsman who built
bombs for the Baader-Meinhof
terrorist cang was semented
Herr Hoffs speciality house terrorist gang, was sentenced today to four years and eight months in jail.

months in jail.

Persuaded at first by the terrorists that they wanted them as props for a film, Herr Hoff fashioned custom-made time bombs, often from steel member of the gang. Herr Hoff did not become the claimed that after he had real claimed that after he had real

think that democracy is deca-dent in spite of the long years of indoctrination under the per cent said that they practised pipes. Wrapped in gift paper and their religion, reflecting the gradual decline of the influence of the Roman Catholic Church sometimes accompanied by flowers—a detail typical of the Baader-Meinhof gang—they

"Geneva is not the objective.

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If we achieve peace without Geneva

Herr Hoff's speciality, how-ever, was the "baby bomb", a half sphere with braces which a woman terrorist could carry under her dress to look as if

member of the gang. He claimed that after he had realized the gang's real identity and purpose they forced him to continue by threatening to

#### Thieves tie up and rob Anita Ekberg

Rome, Dec 21.—Anita Ekberg, the film actress, was attacked in her villa near here last night and robbed of jewel y and money worth eight million lire (about £5,000).

Five masked men, armed with sawn-off shotguns, broke into the viHa at Borga Santa Lucia di Mentana, and tied and gag-ged the Swedish-born actress, who was alone. She managed to free herself two hours later and

call the police,
Thieves also broke into the house last August, and got away with an undisclosed haul of jewels, furs and other valuables. -Reuter.

Boiler explosion

Bilban, Dec 21. — Four workers were killed and six in lured when a boiler exploded in a dairy near here today. Two other men were missing pre-sumed dead.—Reuter.



**OVERSEAS** 

A Cairo poster, sponsored by a firm called Ramsis, acclaims the peace initiative.

### First Saudi support for Sadat initiative

Beirut Dec 21.-Saudi Arabia Beirut Dec 21.—Szum Arama expressed guarded support for the first time today for Presi-dent Sadat's peace initiative, although other Arab opposition

In an interview with a Saudi newspaper Crown Prince Fahd said: "We, as brothers of the Egyptian people and Sadat, will never cease contacts with Egypt or giving our advice whenever it serves the Arab interest.

" Our love and respect for the Our love and respect for the Egyptian people is beyond question and we will never change our attitude because we are one with the Eyptian people. What harms us harms the Egyptian people and what makes us happy makes the Egyptian people happy ", he said.

His words contrasted starkly with the criticism voiced by the Palestinians and radical Arab governments as Mr Sadar's Christmas Day meeting in Egypt with Mr Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister, approached.

According to the state-run uundreds of Damascus racio, "numéreds of thousands" staged a demonstra-tion today in Aleppo, Syria's second largest city, chanting slogans denouncing Mr Sadat as

In Beirut an explosion, apparently caused by a rocket which missed its target badly damaged an unfinished building

next to the Egyptian Embassy. This was the third attempt to blow up the embassy in as many days. Security forces defused two time bombs left outside the embassy on Monday and yester-day, while minor explosions caused slight damage to other Egyptian offices in Beirut.

An organization calling itself the "Lebanese Arab Youth"

claimed responsibility for all the attacks.

The Palestinians also continued their attacks against Mr Sadar's policy. The Christmas Day meeting is intended to pave the way for a unilateral peace between Egypt and Israel, according to a statepeace between Egypt and Israel", according to a state-ment by Mr Yassir abed Rabbu, the chief of the Palestine Liberation Organization's informa-

Mr Rabbu repeated the PLO's rejection of Mr Begin's peace proposals, which would grant civil autonomy to the Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip. ."The Sadat-Begin project

will find no hole to sneak through and liquidate the Palestinian cause", he said, and added that a meeting of all Palestinian leaders is to be held within a few days".

Meanwhile, the Cairo newspaper Al-Akhbar warned the Palestinian guervilles that "for every bullet you fire at Egypt, Egyptiens will retaliate with one mission bullets". The warning, broadcast by the state-controlled Cairo radio,

the state-controlled Cairo radio, was an response to a reported statement entributed to Mr Seigh Khalaf, deputy leader of the PLO. "A single bullet is enough to stop President Sadet from proceeding with his peace bid", Mr Khalaf was quoted as saying. Saudi Arabia had previously

Sadat, in what was seen as an attempt to preserve its role as an influential mediator to heal the rift dividing the Egyptian President and the radical Arab governments.

king Husain of Jordan has proposed, that Palestinians from the West Bank represent the Palestillian people at talks preceding the Geneva peace conference, the Lebanese weekly magazine Assayad said today.

Quoting reports from Damascus, the magazine said the King made the proposed during his recent tour of Syria, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and the Gulf states.

Palestinian representatives

last month that there was a "genuine trend towards peace in the region which had not existed bitherto".—UPI and Reuter.

### **Debts** and rain swamp the Kennedy Centre

From Patrick Brogan Washington, Dec 21 The roof has fallen in on the Kennedy Centre. This large white edifice on the Potomac, which contains Washington's principal theatres and concert hall, will be in debt by £35.4m (£21m) in 12 months. And it needs \$4.7m to repair damage caused by the leaks in the roof. Things are not so bad as they seem, however. Most of the debt is owed to the Treasury in the form of interest payments

age looks far worse than it is.
In addition, the Vienna Opera
is coming in 1979.
The roof started leaking soon
after the Kennedy Centre was
opened, but became a serious opened, but became a serious problem only this year when spring rains penetrated to the ceilings of the concert half and the grand foyer. That enormous and very dreadful room (it contains a gigantic bust of President Kennedy done in bronzed cornflakes) was for a while closed to protect people from falling plaster.

Solid wooden passages have now been constructed there, with feeders from the entrance

on loans and the structural dam-

with feeders from the entrance halfs and to each of the three theatres. Now the restaurants on the top floor are to be closed while repairs are done. The concert hall will also have to

be closed next summer.

There is a brisk legal argument between the centre and the firms which built the place. It is suggested that modern buildings ought to keep the rain out and that Washington builders ought to take the area's inclement climate into account. Congress will have to find the money and Congress is torn be-tween a prudent parsimony and the delight which congressmen take in the Kennedy Centre.

The centre is an enormous cultural asset to Washington and although it is most inconveniently sited, it is very popular. As for the argument over the

centre's debts, a report by the General Accounting Office records a vigorous dispute over accounting procedures. At the moment, 76.2 per cent of the centre's maintenance costs are paid by the National Park Service because the centre is a national memorial like the Washington Monument. Scores

Washington Monument. Scores of thousands of visitors pour through it every year.

The centre thinks the Park Service should pay more, the Interior Department, which controls the Park Service, thinks it should pay less. The centre's director, Mr Roger Stevens, thinks a new arrangement should be worked out, ensuring the centre's finances. Otherwise its artistic quality would suffer. its artistic quality would suffer. In particular, it would have to stop giving free children's concerts.

#### Filipino gunman and 21 hostages are refused food

Subic Bay, Dec 21.—A Filipino gumman today held 21 hostages in a bank on the buge American naval base here and

said he wanted money and a getaway helicopter.

The guaman, believed to be a former employee at the base, staged a hold-up and herded bank workers and customers and customers are the bank into a money at the bank into a money and a general an into a room at the bank just as it was closing yesterday. They have been holed up in the room without food for more than 30 hours.

American officials tonight called in a Roman Catholic priest to try to persuade the man to release his hostages but the effort failed.

The guoman told base officials by telephone that he wanted money from the bank and a helicopter to fly him to a destination not yet disclosed. Negotiators refused his demand for the helicopter and also turned down requests for food, saying they feared that anyone taking in the provisions would also be made a hostage.—Renter. the effort failed.

## Brezhnev absence due only to 'a cold'

Moscow, Dec 21.—President
Brezhnev, missing from public
view for almost two weeks, is
recovering from a mild indisposition and should reappear in about a week, Sovier sources said today.

Security police organization's shands of a team of medical experts and his disease already has sparked a backstage position and should reappear in the full central committee on December 13, five days after he was last seen in public.

Mr Brezhnev was last seen in public. The 71-year-old leader was not

at the opening today of a session of the Russian Federation Parliament, although he normally attends when he is in Moscow. A high-level source said Mr

position and should reappear in about a week, Soviet sources said today.

The 71-year-old leader was not public on December 8 at the Red Square funeral of Marshal Aleksandr Vasilyevsky. Since then he has missed a number of

functions where his presence is virtually obligatory.—UPI.
Paris. Dec 21.—Mr Brezhnev

learned from a sure source", the newspaper said. "The Soviet Communist Party general secretary and head of state is secretary and near of state is suffering from grave heart trouble, arteriosclerosis and coronary deficiency."

The newspaper said that a battle for Mr Brezinger's suc-cession was already under way

A high-level source said Mr
Brezhnev was suffering from a cold but had almost recovered. Other sources said that Mr
Brezhnev was continuing to taking care of state affairs, Le work at home and had himself written the congratulatory message to the KGB on the state

Paris, Dec 21.—Mr Brezhnev coronary deficiency.\*

The newspaper said that a trouble at his country house and is no longer capable of taking care of state affairs, Le French daily newspaper said that the man touted presently as the likely successor was Mr Yuri Andropov, head of the KGB—UPI.

### Police HQ carol singers freed for Christmas

February 16. The 44, including four nuns

and a priest, were released on £16 beil each after a special hearing.

The carol singers congregated holding lighted candles on the pavement opposite the cell block of police nead-quarters where many anti-apartheid activists are being held. They had almost finished singing their first carol waen the police surrounded them.

Johnnnesburg, Dec 21.— An officer said that they Forty-three whites and a black were attending an illegal gathering and lighting candles a second carol and were outside police headquarters in John Vorster Square here, were given bail today and ordered to appear in court on the incident were held for over February 16.

An officer said that they were stiending an illegal gathering. Undeterred, they began arrested. They were led, still singing, into the police station.

Five journalists reporting on the incident were held for over 100 mm. Reuter and Agence an hour.—Reuter and Agence France-Presse.

France-Presse.

Washington, Dec 21.—A misdemeanour charge against Dick Gregory, the comedian, who was arrested on November 24 for demonstrating near the Court African Embassy here.

South African Embassy here, was dismissed today when the Government said it did not want to prosecute.

Mr Gregory, who had spent one night in jail, was not

required to be in court.—AP.

Spassky refuses to play in chess protest

Belgrade, Dec 21.—The twelfth game of the chess candidates' match between Russian grandmasters Boris Spassky and Viktor Korchnoi was postponed today after Spassky failed to show up, continuing the psychological warfare between the two

Contestants.
Officials said Spassky, a former world champion, risked forfeiting the game by refusing to play, but Korchnol and the referee, Boxidar Kazic, agreed

referee. Boxidar Kazic, agreed on a postponement.

Korchnoï leads the 20-game match, 64 points to 24. Spassky's refusal to play was apparently in protest against a referee's ruling that a large display cheesboard should come down from the stage.

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From Mario Modiano

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Life in ruins: Women in the Iranian village

of Bab-Tangal, at the epicentre of the earth-

grake which struck the south-east of the

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From Dossa Trevisan

elgrade. Dec 21

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Diplomats at the 35-nation

clarade review conference on

luropean security, which has een in session for 11 weeks,

regan a three-week rest today.
Just before they left Mr
'uli Vorontsov, the chief Soviet

elegate, accused the United

onference into a propaganda forum against his country.

He made the criticism after fast and West agreed on a symptomise which entitles sestern delegates to continue discussions.

discussions on human rights inlations when the conference

resumes in mid-January. Human rights are the crucial

issue and they were at the

whether the debate on the im-rementation of the 1975 Hel-

sinki Agreement should be verminated now or allowed to

ontinue. The Soviet Union had insisted

stopping the debate so that

e concluding documents could cover to complete their

The compromise looks an

inportant point for the West. Its Russians have clearly racked down and Mr Voront

av's diatribe against the United

ates was a demonstration that

is delegation has not gone soft. Ir Vorontsov said the Ameri-

cans were deliberately ignoring

ther aspects of European detente under the pretext that the Belgrade meeting was concurred solely with human

The West, for its part, con-cided that any further scussions about human rights of ctions would be conducted thy in plenary meetings

Western concern and insis-nce on this point had been afluenced by the case of Mr anatoly Shcharansky, the dissi-

cont, who was arrested nine months ago and may be facing charges of treason. He was a member of a group in the Soviet

Union monitoring the imple-

mentation of the Helsinki

In its second week of office, Mr Malcolm Fraser's new Gov-

From Our Correspondent Melbourne, Dec 21

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Appeal to main religions of world

causes of international terrorism

"The easy way out", he said.

"is to put the blame and the

curse on the terrorists, the aparchists and the hijackers.

And the most practical means of confronting violence is coun-

There was criminal violence

and political violence, he noted:

Both exploited a mass of young boys and girls who were "our own victims because we failed to equip them with ideals, whether Christian or humani-

tarian. We must accept our part of the responsibility.".

Herod could be called hostages against the advent of Jesus.

Yet, Herod was no terrorist, nor an anarchist. This, in fact, was an instance of the anarchy of power which created the vicious circle of violence and Counter-violence.

The Bishop said: "The anar-

chist children, those who sup-port the criminals of the sinister forces, or those with a Herod in Bethlehem.".

The 14,000 infants slain by

But is this the

Christian unity.

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for joint effort to remove

Chalcedon, the senior bishop of the Orthodox Ecumenical Patriarchete, has urged the world's main religious to join forces in an endeavour to comhat the causes of international terrorism and anarchist vionor on Sunday: "I have pro-posed to three recognized Christian spiritual leaders—one Orthodox, one Roman Catholic and one Protestant to join me and three spiritual leaders from the Islamic, Jewish and Buddhist faiths, in order to create the first nucleus of centre, a sort of interreligious mission, that would offer a way out of the vicious circle of

wicence and counter violence."
Metropolitan Meliton disclosed his plan in the course
of a sermon at the Cathedral
of Athens. He was returning to Islanbul after visiting the Pope in Rome on behalf of Deme-Dieessal P rios I, the Ecumenical Patrito be con-Timer. Control of the plant of the pla

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ernment has been embarrassed by two incidents; the pro-apartheid statements made by Sena-tor Glenister Sheil, a newly

appointed minister, and the resignation of Mr Fraser's adviser on women's affairs. Mrs Sara Dowse.

Dr Sheil, who is 48, was appointed Minister for Veterans' Affairs on Monday. He was previously fittle known. Immelistely after his appointment he made a statement commending South Africa's apartheid Policy and suggesting that Australia should adopt a similar attitude "if the Aborigines wanted it". The immediate reaction was

one of shock from Government members, but despite efforts by colleggues to dissuade Dr Sheil from saying any more on the subject, he was heard on a current affairs radio programme Vesterday steadfastly maintain"My views are personal views and I will put them when-

ever I can", he said at the end
of the radio interview.

Today, after a considerable
furore in the press and broadcasting services and a strong statement by Mr Andrew Peacock, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, condemning Dr Sheil's remarks, Mr Fraser dismissed him from the ministry. Dr Sheil is a member of the Country Party, the coalition partner of Mr Fraser's Liberal Party, but after he had been re-

party, but after he had been re-primanded and warned by Mr Douglas Anthony, the Deputy Prime Minister and Country Party leader, and yet still went ahead with further statements on apartheid Mr Fraser de-cided to dismiss him. He was able to do this without much difficulty because Dr

Sheil had not yet been sworn in as a special Bill had to be passed previously allowing Mr. Fraser to expand his ministry. Dr Sheil was therefore nor yet officially a minister.

He is a qualified medical practitioner and a businessman

Mr Fraser ousts apartheid advocate too, being partner in a rabbit-breeding farm in Washington State, in the Utited States, called Thampa Industries. The rabbits are bred for export as

food.
The resignation of Mrs Dowse. on the same day, was bardly less embarrassing for the Gov-ernment, which has often been accused of being anti-feminist in its artitudes.

After Mr Fraser had trans-

ferred women's affairs from the Prime Minister's department to the newly created Ministry of Home Affairs. Mrs Dowse said that she had not been con-sulted about the move and that "Home Affairs" was a most unfortunate choice of name, She considered that women's issues had been downgraded She also said that she was tired of working on a shoestring budget, and of "obscure secrecy", and "sick to the back teeth of the whole farce". Mrs Dowse, an American and mother of four, concluded: "Australia has got to grow up."

There has been no comment from Mr Fraser.

### Cooperation with The Times on organizing exhibition in London Chinese Ambassador leaves friends behind

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The Bishop appealed to all the anarchists, all the terrorisis and all the hijackers throughout the world to agree to a Christmas truce and to release all their hostages in the name of the week threatened by

country on Tuesday, contemplate the rubble

which was once their homes. The death

United States MX mobile inter-

continental ballistic missile (ICBM) programme could turn

our to have a greater impact on the strategic arms limitations

(Salt) negotiations than might the long-range Cruise missile.

This is particularly so when

for Russian agreement not to

deploy their own mobile mis-siles, like the SSX16 and SSX20.

on paper, there is tremendous potential planned for it, with

more accuracy than is claimed for the existing Minutemen system, more payload—with up to 12 independent warheads—and mobile basing, which will make Society to account the system.

make Soviet targeting more difficult and more expensive.

But he acknowledges that

there is domestic opposition in

America to the cost of the MX programme, with an estimated \$100m (£53m) for each missile and \$34,000m (£18,000m) to produce an operational system.

Mr Pretty also refers in the controversy in the United States over allegations that the Soviet Union is well advanced in the development of a charged particle beam (CPB) system, which could in theory neutralize the threat from ballistic mightles

General George Keegan former head of United States

Air Force intelligence, claimed earlier this year that the Russians were 20 years ahead of the Americans in their research, while Mr Harold Brown, the Defence Secretary, did not think such a meaning the secretary.

did not think such a weapon was in prospect for the foresee-

able future.

In a separate commentary on naval weapons, Captain G. R. Villar says that the successful

missiles.

is not now planning to deploy them and that there is no likelihood of developing one.

"If it suits the Soviet strategic plan to develop a neutron bomb she will do so and the best hope the world has of ensuring that it is not deployed operationally is that the weapon fails to meet the performance required of it, or in the skill and bargaining powers of American Salt negotiators."

Mr Pretty adds that the Villar says that the successful development of anti-palistic development of anti-palistic missile high energy lasers or charged particle beams, could mean a revolution in nuclear warfare. "No longer will the invulner ability of the ballistic missile nuclear submarine matter so much as the fact that it missiles will be mable to reach their targets", he says.

(Jane's Weapon Systems 1978. Jane's Yearbooks £27.50)

Although MX now exists only

toll so far has reached 545 -

West is urged to continue

work on neutron bomb

By Henry Stanhope Defence Correspondent

It is of viral importance for the West to continue the deve-lopment of the neutron bomb until there is positive evidence that the Soviet Union is not planning to deploy similar weapons itself, according to the

Systems.

Mr Rouald Prerty in the foreword to the 1978 edition, out today, asks what guarantee there is that the Russians do not

possess such enhanced radiation weapons of their own.

A neutron bomb detonated from a height of 2,600ft would

kill people on the ground by bombarding them with neutron radiation, but because of the reduced blast would cause less

collateral damage to buildings or civil population centres.

Protagonists, including a number of Nato military commanders, argue that it would be 10 times more effective than

other nuclear weapons in coun-tering an armoured offensive by the Warsaw Pact into Cen-rral Europe. But because of the awful effects of radiation, it re-

mains a controversial weapon and Western leaders have still

and Western leaders have still not decided whether or not to press for its deployment in Europe.

While acknowledging the "dreadful implications." of chanced radiation weapons of

this kind, Mr Pretty points out that the principles and tech-niques involved in developing them have been established for

some years—and the engineering involved seems to be well within the capabilities of both the United States and the Soviet

He argues that there is no

guarantee that the Soviet Union is not now planning to deploy them and that there is no likelihood of developing one.

"If it suits the Soviet strategic plan to develop a neutron bomb can to develop a neutron

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In the past five years British relations with China have been transformed thanks in great part to the first Ambassador to be appointed to London by the "new" China, Mr Sung simply seek a joy in their lives that our Sunday schools denied them, that contemporary techthe "new" China, Mr Sung Chih-kuang. He arrived in June, 1972 and returns to Peksociety still deny them. They find solace in the joy of des-truction, the Neronian joy of ing next week to take up a post in the Foreign Ministry. It may be recalled how bad relations were as recently as one of courage but of disguised 1972. At that time the atmo-sphere of the Cultural Revolution had not been dissipated He asserted that today's anarchist youth, however, were free from lying. "They do not lie", he said. "They do not pretend. They are what they are until death. Let us, please, pay attention. For the anarchists are not common people, they are a kind of neo-martyst for an ideal that as a result of and ugly scars remained over all of China's foreign relations. not least with Britain. Worst of all had been the attack by emoustrators when the mission in Peking was set on fire and its staff abominably abused and roughed up—an operation attributed to the "gang of for an ideal that, as a result of our negligence, we never gave them and delivered them to

abroad even to London when the "battle of Portland Place" had police attacked with fists and sticks by subordinate staff of the Chinese Embassy. That was followed by the Lin Piao affair which revealed the raw side of the power struggle that had gone on after the Cultural Revolution while exposing the continuing acute divi-sions within the Chinese leadersoms within the Chinese leader-ship. Only in a lone figure like Chou En-lei, the Jate Prime Minister, did traditional Chinese values still have a re-

Mr Sung's success as an en-

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wise have seemed genuinely Chinese. Otherwise "unstuffy" was the easy recom-mendation attached to him.

panied Lord Montgomery on his tours of China in 1960 and 1961 and visited London in 1963. In the following year he was appointed Charge d'Affaires in the new mission in Paris.

He was born in Hongkong in 1916 and spent his childhood there and in Canton, He attended university in Peking, graduating in 1938 after which, if not before, he became associated with the Communist movement in Yenan. He is thus a first generation Communist in Chinese terms and for all his interest in Britain and his serious attempt to understand ouf society he conserves his idealist beliefs about his own country and sees us from such a standpoint. During his tour of duty visi-

tors from Britain to China began with Mr Anthony Royle and Sir Alec Douglas-Home in 1972 as the first ever British Foreign Secretary to go there, followed in 1976 by Mr Anthony Crosland, This year Mrs Thatcher, the Conservative Thatcher, the Conservative leader, made her first visit and Mr Edward Heath his third. From China came Mr Chi P'eng-fei, the Foreign Minister, in 1973 and Mr Li Chiang, the Trade Minister, earlier this month.
Mr Sung's first success came

from the effort he freely put into assisting the Chinese exhibition organized by The Times in 1973 when Chine's cultural past served admirably to bring the country back into

friends in all circles and not only in London as he has been a constant traveller about the country. Political strife in China in 1975 and 1976 was probably a burden to him and his staff. Since the new Government came to power they have been able to blossom more thanks to the changes in China.

By coincidence Mr Sung returns in the centenary year of China's first ever ambassador coming to London. Kuo Sung-t'ao's mission in 1877 was much harder. He was astonished by London. "The street lights were like myriads of bright stars" he noted in his journal, while the horses and carriages rolled past in unending stream. with the horses' breath rising like mist ".

Punch, aways contemptuous of the Chinese in those days, greeted his appointment with a sneering poem and a cartoon in which the British lion sprawls across a globe up which scrambles a monkey beering at the king of beasts through field-glasses—representations. ting the new envoy.

Kuo suffered at the Chinese end too, his intelligent attempts to explain British progress drawing nothing but abuse from Chinese conservatives. When he was retired after two years he settled in his country retreat, not daring to visit Peking.

Not so Mr Sung whose influence in China will probably be significant and who certainly leaves with Anglo-Chinese relations in better state than at any time before in this century.

French deny

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Professor Giamatti : youngest to hold Yale office.

#### Yale finds its new president

From Our Own Correspondent Washington, Dec 21
After a long and at times embarrassing search, Yale University has found a new presi-dent to replace Mr Kingmon Brewster, who resigned last spring to become United States Ambassador to Britain His successor is Mr Bartlett Giamanti, a Professor of Arts at Yale, who at 39 will be the youngest president in history of the university. is a specialist in Renaissance literature and an occasional sports writer for Harpers maga-

Giamatti's numination ends eight months of deliberations by a seven-member com-mittee which considered dozens of names. At least three candidates turned down the job-which is considered one of the which is considered one of the most exalted academic posts in the country—including Mr Henry Rosovsky, Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences at Harvard.

One of Mr Giamati's most urgent tasks will be to tackle

Yale's mounting financial probdeficit of several million dullars in recent years.

#### Thai aircraft shot down

Bangkok, Dec 21.—Cambodia shor down a Thai military aircraft today along the tense border between the two countries, Thai police reported.
The aircraft, a Bronco OV-10 observation aircraft, went down on the Cambodian side. But the two crew parachuted in Thai territory.
An Armed Forces Supreme

Command statement over Radio Thailand did not mention an aircraft being shot down. But t said Thai aircraft had strafed Cambodian positions across the frontier from Aranyaprathet. —Reuter.

# Mr Sung Chih-kuang: made Anglo-Chinese ties stronger.

personality in which many of these virtues were embodied.

a tolerance in personal rela-tions allied to good manners; a capacity for sincere friendship and a sense of humour not normally associated with communist bureaucrats from the Soviet Union or Eastern "Deep down there is still something inscrumble,", say some though so much might be allowed; he could not other-

His diplomatic experience began in East Germany in 1957. While back in the Foreign

#### Arabian offer for shares owned by Mr Lance

From David Cross Washington, Dec 21

Mr Lance indulged in the questionable banking practices which led to his later resignation from his post in Washing-

Under the terms of the ten-tative agreement, Mr Chaith

Pharaon, a Saudi Arabian Busi-

nessmen will purchase 60 per

cent of all outstanding shares in the bank, including the 200,000 owned by Mr Lance.

University of Hong Kong.

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From David Cross Washington, Dec 21
President Carter today gave his blessing to a series of new air routes between major American and European cities. Before leaving Washington tor of the Office of Management and Budget, who left Washingfor Christmas, he gave his tenfor the better. approval to proposals
ig three additional anowing three additional American airlines to compete with Pan Am, National Airlines and Transworld Airlines (TWA) across the Atlantic. yesterday that Mr Lance, who remains a close friend and adriser to President Carter, has found a buyer for the shares he owns in the National Bank of Georgia. It was while he was president of that bank that

plans would also open 13 American cities such as Houston and New Orleans as gateways for transatiantic

Hights.
Washington, Dec 21.—Northwest Airlines will replace Pan Am on various routes between United States cities and Glasgow and destinations in Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland and Iceland, Pan Am certification was amended to authorize Houston-London service.

The price would be \$20 (£11) a share compared with the \$17 originally paid by Mr The financial fortunes of Mr Lance. Bert Lance, the former Direc-

The profit likely to be made by Mr Lance would go a considerable way towards meeting his liabilities which he listed as \$5.3m at the beginning of the year. ton under a cloud three months ago, have taken a sharp turn His lawyer announced late

The Securities and Exchange Commission is still pursuing its investigation into Mr Lance's banking activities before his coming to Washington and the Justice Department is sifting through the evidence to deter-The commission is known to

be considering a ban, albeit temporary, on future banking activities by Mr Lance. How this would affect bim remains unclear. It was reported during the recent negotiations for shares in the National Bank of Georgia that Mr Pharaon would like Mr Laoce to play an active part in the running of the bank or its investment policy.

### From Our Own Correspondent · An accusation by the Polisario

Front Saharan guerridlas that French melitary aircraft recently went into action against one of their columns has stung M de Guiringaud, the Foreign Minister, 10 make a qualified According to Polisario, which

is fighting for the independence of the Western Sahara, Jaguar and Mirage aircraft of the French air force were used last Sunday against one of their columns which had just attacked the Mauritanian garri-son at Tmeimichat. A state-ment, issued from Algiers, said one Jaguar had been hit and made a crash landing. M de Guiringaud said this evening in the National Assembly that the accusations National

air force in the western Sahara

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### Sarfraz walks out of Test team

From John Woodcock ricket Correspondent

Having lost, in one fell swoop, five of their leading players—Asif, Mushtaq, Zaheer, Majid and Imran—to Mr Packer, Pakistan are now threatened with the defection of another, Sarfraz Nawaz, who loft have last night saving who left here lest night saying that he was going to London and would not be coming back, at any rate during the present Test series between Pakistan and Eng-land. The reasons Sariraz gave were partly financial—he claims that the Pakistan board owe him for his flight from England partly personal, not enough atten-tion having been paid, he says, to his views as Pakistan's vice-captain.

As the best of their faster howlers Pakistan can ill afford to

nowlers Pakistan can ill afford to lose the services of Sarfraz. He took four for 68 in England's one hadings in the first Test, which was the best analysis, statistically anyway, of anyone in the match. He has both experience and hostility—as well as a reputation for being a mettlesome character. character.
In the current issue of the

In the current issue of the Pakistan Cricketer he makes some stinging criticisms of Pakistan's batsmen in the West Indies earlier this year, where even the best of them, he claims, "played like frightened men and, at times, literally ran away from the pace of the West Indian fast bowlers". In a letter written yesterday to the president of the Board of Control for Cricket in Pakistan he said his thoughts as vice-captain had been ignored in a way "unprecededted in the history of cricket." As captains as often about tactics on the field this might rate just conceivably as correctives.

ps not fail to consult their deputies about tactics on the field this might rate just conceivably as something of an exaggeration. Although in most countries a cricketer walking out on the Test team would be unlikely to be considered for selection again, it is thought here that public opinion may force a reconciliation between Sarfraz and the board.

Dudley Doust writes: The failure of the Board of Control for Cricket in Pakistan (BCCP) to guarantee fees to their Test players in the event of injury or illness suffered either in training or the current series itself was given yesterday by Sarfraz Nawaz as the main reason for walking out of the Pakistan camp. Sarfraz, speaking to me during the flight from Karachi to Loudon, said: "If the BCCP want me for the second or third Tests, they can get in buch with my representative, the former Test cricketer, Aftab Cul, in Lahore."

Sarfraz will continue his training in London. "I'm sad and

Attab Gul, in Lahore."

Sarfraz will continue his training in London. "I'm sad and very unhappy about this situation", he said. "But if something good should come out I would love to play again for my country." Sarfraz is not the only potential loss to the home side. Sadlq Mohammad, of Gloucestershire, may also withdraw.

Mildura, Dec 21.—A fighting 97 by Imran Khan, a World XI batsman, put his team in a strong position at the close on the first day of the Country Cup match against an Australian XI here today.

SCORE: World XI: 356 fluran 97.
A. P. E. Koult 67; W. Prior 3 for 47; Australian XI.—Reuler.

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subject to rescrutiny.

ZETTERS POOLS LONGON FOLL



Thomson hits the winning run—a four off Bedi gives

### Mann of the century but not of the match

Pertin, Dec 21.—An excellent century by Tony Mann, playing in only his second Test, provided the backbone for Australia's thrilling two-wicket victory over India on the final day of the second Test here today.

Australia are now 2.—0 up in the five-match series, a tribute to the capitain, Bobby Simpson, and the fighting spirit of the youngsters thrust into Test cricket after the defection of Greg Chappell and company to Kerry Packer.

Simpson, whose marathon first innings of 176 paved the way for his side's win, played another key role on the final day, sharing a fifth wicket partnership of 100 with Toobey. He was voted man-ofthe-march, but must have had his heart in his mouth as Australia sumped from 295 for four to 330 for eight, nine runs short of the winning target.

Australia beean the day at 25

Bedi fontshed with five for 105. but must have been disappointed in his fellow spin bowlers Chandrasekhar and Venkaturaghavan who failed to take a wicket for eight, nine runs short of the winning target.

Australia began the day at 25 for one, with the Indian captain, Bishen Bedi, threatening to thwart their chances of victory with his tantalizing and destructive left-arm spin. Serjeant's run of poor form continued when he was snapped up behind the wicket off Madan Lal for 12 after only six minutes. Maun was joined by Ogilvie and they added a dour, but valuable, 139 for the third wicket. Mann dominated the partnership

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and eventually fell with the score at 172, having made 105 in 184 minutes, including 11 fours. His downfall came when he suicked Bedi to Kirmani, and Oglivie followed shortly afterwards, bowled by Bedi after a painstaking 47 in 206 minutes.

Simpson and Toohey took charge and Australia seemed to be coasting to victory. The 100 partnership came in 93 minutes and with

Squash rackets

#### Tough opening game for top English seed

Such is the strength of the entry for the British amateur squash championshos, sponsored by Sun Life, taking place at Wembley from January 28 to February 6 that only two home players, John Leslie and Ian Robinson, are among the eight seeds. Leslie, seeded number four, has a tough opening match against another of the best British players, Stuart Courtney.

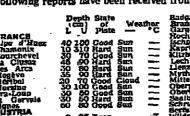
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Doubts about Plank's time

Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy, Dec 21.—The Italiam Sid Federation has decided to ask the International Sid Federation to investigate Austrian allegations that the timing for last Sunday's Val Gardena World Cup downfill, won by Herbert Plank, of Italy, had been fixed. The Austrians questioned the accuracy of the timing when Plank beat Austria's Peter Wirnsberger and the Olympic champion Franz Klammer. The company which supplied the electronic timing equipment has threatened to sue it the allegations are not retracted.

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Rugby Union

### New Zealand return a favour by filling the gap left by Springboks

By Peter West Rugby Correspondent The New Zealand All Blacks will make a two-month rugby tour of Great Britain and Ireland next of Great Britain and Ireland next
automn. This welcome news comes
less than three days after the
announcement that the Springboks
tour, arranged here for 1978-79,
had been indefinitely postponed.
So, clearly, the wires to Wellington have been buzzing to good
purpose and there will be unqualified pleasure and gratitude
in these islands that New Zealand have stepped so swiftly into the

have stepped so swiftly into the breach.

The All Black tour, comprising 16 to 13 games, will be considerably shorter than the full one proposed for the Springboks but, as it will embrace internationals against all four home countries, its financial success is assured. The full itinerary for the tour, which will take place from mid-October to mid-December—allowing the tourists to return home for Christmas—has yet to be finally worked out.

As things stand, the All Blacks will be coming here in four successive seasons. They have a short tour of England and Scotland arranged for 1979-80, a year later they will be coming back to help celebrate the centenary of the Weish Rugby Union and their next full tour of Great Britain and frienext full tour of Great Britain and ireland is planned for 1981-82.

It has been suggested that the All Blacks will run the risk of over-exposure but no one tires of seeing the home countries play regularly against each other. However, the best players would find it difficult to get away for four tours in four seasons and the New Zealand Rugby Union four tours in four seasons and the New Zealand Rugby Union would owe it to them to reduce the burden if they Can.

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best to help both the rueby aspira-

tions of John Scott and the Eng-Roger Utiley. Although they look

Roger Utiley. Almough they look upon this evening's first visit of Coventry to Roehampton as a particularly important occasion, they include Scott, usually in their second row, at No 8, the position he fills for the Rest in the trial at Twickenham on Saturday week.

**Deadly service** 

remarkable win

Rackets

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One likes to think that the beat but I am looking forward tremendously m playing them to the tour bere in the early 1980s as the four home unions—and geople in these islands—will be to welcome them. In that event, it might be possible for South Africa to slot into the programme in 1981-82 and for the next full rour by New Zealand to be postponed for a year or two.

The New Zealand Rusha Halan

for a year or two.

The New Zealand Rugby Union will not have forgotten that in 1967, when they declined to go to South Africa (whose Government would not allow the All Blacks to include Moot players), the British authorities arranged at short notice for Brian Lochore's side to tour here. New Zealand went upheaten through Zealand went unbeaten shrough Britain and France and their impact acted as the final trigger for the serious introduction of coaching and preparation which

in New Zealand.

England's top players will be especially busy at representative level next season, Argentina are making a short tour of the country in September and October. Peter Colston, England's coach, said: "That is good news, it will be great to have them here even though it will mean a busy period for England. Still, it will enable the top players to meet top class opposition and this should certainly help England."

Bill Beaumont, probably England." should certainly help England."

Bill Beaumont, probably England's next captain, who was a success on the 1977 Lions tour in New Zealand last summer, said:

"This is great news, it will give us something to go for now and an early chance for revenge for last summer. You can be sure they will bring a strong squad. They are never an easy side to

Johannesburg, Dec 21.—Dr Danie Craven, President or the South African board, said today he was "confident that the Springboks—and this includes players of all races—will not be deprived of international rugby in

deprived of international rugby in the next few years."

The postponement of the tour, announced on Sunday, was caused by increasing criticism of South Akrica's race policies in sport. "Overseas rugby authorides are well-disposed rowards us but we are sitting with the problem that the general public do not know what is going on and public opinion exerts big pressure." Dr Craven said.

He said his meeting with the four British unions on Sunday had been "most cordial and friendly." He added: "I am a lot more optimistic about South Africa's future in world rugby than when I left for London a few days ago."

Dr Craven denied a report from

Dr Craven denied a report from Paris that the French Rugby Federation had asked South Africa to bring the planned 1979 tour forward to next year. "We did not confer with the French authorities at all on this trip." A scheduled tour of South Africa by Scotland next year was "Sill under

Rosslyn Park help Scott and England

Otherwise the Exiles hope to have most of their top players available, although Alun Lewis will miss the match against Swansea as he will be with the Barbarians party at Leicester.

Two of the Oxford side who wan the University match earlier this month, the full bock Ken Hopkins, from Maesteg, and the hooker, Brian Light, of Swansea, will be joining London Welsh in the new year.

### Exhilarating tries make the scoreline realistic

Newport 17 ·

Gloucester 0 Old traditions and respect hard exceed down the years ensured that the ball never moved beyond the respective outside halves in the first 20 minutes. But when it eventually did, as it had to with Newport's pack establishing a powerful superiority in the scrum-mages and line outs, there was never any doubt about the eyentual result.

result.

The most marked difference was in the performance of the two scrum halves. Whereas Kingston of Gloutester spent most of the game cleaning up and scorping short, pressure passes to his half-back partner Pointon, the enormous strength and length of pass from the Eritch Lion, Brymnor Williams, reached James still rising 20 metres distant.

Williams's virtuoso pass in unsuitable handling conditions was even more remarkable considering

unsuitable handling conditions was even more remarkable considering that he had spent the previous 24 hours travelling bock from leading a school skling trip to Italy and arrived in Newport only six hours before the kick off.

The Commental exercise did him a great deal of good for he was sharp, quick on his feet and alert to all the attacking options. During the opening period

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Webbor, a full back, kicked a
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before the end of a lineout.
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breaks from Newport's talented
but infuriatingly inconsistent
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the while scenario. Although outside half James, transformed the while scenario. Although neither led to tries, they helped to convince Newport and more significantly their opponents of the inevitability of what was to follow. Towards the end of the first half a powerful shove by the Newport No 8 enabled Squire to collect at the base of a scrum 10 metres from the Gloncester line and serve Williams at his elbow on the blind side. He was stopped on the line but Barrell, a wing forward popped up in the right place to cross in the corner for an unconverted try.

Despite being mastered in almost every phase, particularly

his point to points into account.

Twelve months ago Prince Rock was beaten a neck by Flying
Orchid in the come year Vestaday.

John Dixon, the Carlisle trainer, who has only four horses, landed his seventh success of the season when Skiddaw View battled on gamely to beat Tregarron by one length and a half in the Charles Vickery Memorial Cup Handicap Steeplechase at Catterick Bridge.

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Swift three-quarter passing between Borcher and Erans provided the space for Webber to join the line and his was the final pass to Cranton who dived over in the corner. Webber appropriately scored the extra points, Almost immediately Burcher again set up a storing position by driving deep into the Glovoered 22 before leaving Evans to go across in the corner. It was re-NEWPORT: G to-bbor; N. Daeles, I. Burcher, G. Evans J. Cremion; James, B. Wilsman, J. Seuter, boridge, D. Walers, R. Ristell, K. boridge, C. Smarr, D. Ford, R. Mar-pole, C. Smarr, D. Ford, R. Mar-

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#### Scarborough enhance their reputation

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Scarborough, enhanced their reputation asgiant idliers when they dismissed the fourth division side Crewe last right to carn an FA third round march at Brighton. Their first goal came after 12 minutes when Woodall scored from a narrow engle.

Crewe had little answer to the mounting Scarborough pressure so it came as no surprise when the Northern Premiere leaders increased their lead in the fifty-sixth minute. Domaghne hadding in a

# Cardiff rejected Orchid in the same race. Yesterday he was never in deager of being beaten from the moment that Ian Watkinson, drove him past Red Trump rounding the long left-handed bend on the part of the course furthest from the stands. Prince Rock is likely to return to Chepstow in February to try to add the Welsh Grand National to his list of achievements. But in the meantime he will be seen at Cheltenham on January 2 when the Bass Steeplechase will be his objective.

John Toshack, Liverpool's Weish international striker, his turned down a chance to return to Cardiff City, his first professional club. Cardiff's manager, Jimmy Andrews, wanted him on loan and Liverpool's manager, Bob Paisley, agreed, But Toshack rejected the moye, "I am not interested in a loan move," Toshack said. He scored almost 100 goals for Cardiff before his transfer to Merseyside for £100,000 in 1970. He has been the subject of inquiries by Newcastle United, Norwich City and Hibernian recently.

Today's fixture RUGBY UNION: Club match: Ross-lyn Park v Coventry (7.30)

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WEMBLEY: Dry Blackthorn Cup. semi-final round Palsy Fagan best John Spencer, 4—2: Alox Higgins beat Ray Reardon, 4—2: Cricket

BOMBAY: One-day match: Indian Schoolbuya 154 for 4 (B. K. Pallal 5): English Schoolboys 152 (P. Turiy 5): Indian Schoolboys won by six Wickets

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**JANUARY** 

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Racing

# Rodman lives up to expectations After Prince Rock had won the Terry Wogan Handicap steeple-chase, his owner Michael Buckley told, me that that good horse, Grand Canyon, whom he owns in partnership with Pat Samuel, is definitely on the sidelines for the remainder of this season. Apparently the tendon which Grand Canyon injured when he rapped a hurdle at Kempton Park in October has not responded to treatment and his connexions have now abandoned all hope of getting him sound again before next season. However, Prince Rock continues to do Buckley proud. Yesterday's victory was his third over the course and distance and his 16th in all from 32 races, taking his point to points into account.

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12 18 (22.16) RECOMPTON MURDLE

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10-1 Panel The Yank Mart. Junky
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TOTE: Win, 13p: places, 11p, 44p,
15p: dal forecast, 21.54, T. P. Tate,
at Other, 2d, 41.

ALSO RAM: 52 at 16.2 Fig. 18.1 ALSO RAM: 5.2 ft. 18.2 ft.

Diamond Head, b. 1. by Varanto-Paradise Hill (F. Yardiey), 6-11-11. N. Timiler (3-1 fay) 1 Oakley Cross. J. J. O'Nelli (11-1) 2 Spartan Tudoy

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S-1 Pincourse (pt., Thuster (ro), 10-1

Corscio, 20-1 Tudy Town, Vilage

Dusky (f), 25-1 Royal Gift, 55-1 Snow
drift (4th), Sir Christopher, Miss

Kenandy (f), 15 ran,

TUTE: Win, 65p; places, 19p, 24p,

33p; dual fureast, £2,48, F. Yardfoy,

1 Kiddorminster, 51, 1'1. Mr Chiso

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1.45 (1.45) CRARLES; VICKERY-STERPLECHASE (Handker: £1.040; 3m 300yd).

3m 300yd) By Rubor-Joyful Light; (J. Dippin: 10-11-2 J. Tragarvan . R. Barry (2-1 fev) 2 Sparkle Again . R. Barry (2-1 fev) 2 Sparkle Again . R. Lamb (20-1) 3 ALSO RAN; 100-30 Scorton Boy (Aut), 9-2 Clever Prince; 13-1 Cupling Star, 20-1 West End Lad. 7 run TUIE; Win, 479; Places, 149, 23p; Dual Invexas; 59p. J. Dirton, at Cartisle, 1-1, 5; Set Point and St Carnet fid not run.

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2.15. (2.17) STREETLAM HURDLE
(Div !: 4-y-o Novices: 5471: 2m)

Broomicy, b.c. by Sinkerset—Since
Line (W. Resument), 11-7

Running Deep. G. Timbies (3-6) 7

Running Deep. G. Timbies (3-1) 2

Hermit's Delight M. Lowey (38-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 11-2 Sinkern, 8-1 Life's

Ambition, 11-1 Ext Professo, 12-1 Cairn
Royal, 14-1 Both Dz. Thorke & NishetAme: 33-1 The Firtus Baggis (4th),
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of Rocks. Wiscome, Kushbohar (p),
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Racing Correspondent

Anderson, the No 8 in the Park side, moves to floak forward and Mantell, another No 8 in the team this season, is in the second row. John Manfield, whose wife is due to give birth on Boxing Day, is a doubtful starter for London Weish's two tough holiday games. Manfield is pencilled in for the matches at Lianelli on Boxing Day and Swunsea on December 27, but unless the baby arrives early Hugh Thomas will play in his place.

the race was the absence of Pollerton, who was expected to give Rodman something to think about. Pollerton was found to be lame in his near foreleg at nine o'clock in the morotine when he was examined by the racecourse vet.

With four victories in a row behind him, Rodman has now earned a well-deserved rest. The triumph Hundle remains his periody in second place and crumpled on landing. Whether or not the would have won is open to question, because Blue Streaker was going crumph Hundle remains his principal target during the rest of the season, for which he heads the long-range betting with Ladbroke's at 5-2.

Before that, Rodman could try to win the Victor Ludorum hundle

Chepstow results

15 (I.16) GAINSBOROUGH STEEPLECHASE (4-y-0 novices: £566: 3m;

1.45 (1.47) FINALE JUNIOR HURDLE (3-y-0; £5,220; 2m) Rodmas, b t, by Rolko-Noptune's Daughter (Mrs J. Ceballos), 11-3

TOTE: Win. 13p; places, 11p, 16p, 48p; forecase, \$1.13, P, Balley, at Wantage, 43, 77.

2.45 (2.49) NEWSBOY STEEPLE-CHASE (Handica): £858; 21m)

Levantine, b g, by Le Levanstell—
Persian Gal (Mrs M. Blackmore),
8-9-7. Mr A. Welter (5-2.7av) 1
Joint Vantura .. R. R. Evans (6-1 2
Trumwysh ... J. Suthern (4-1) .3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 Star Dyter (44h),
9-2 Royal Threst, 10-1 Dulwich (p),
16-1 John's Knapp, 53-1 Lingurs, 8
ran.

n. TOTE: Win. 35p; pieces, 11p, 30p, p: dual forecast, £1,74. L. Kembard, Taunton. 41, 61.

worker, like Derek Underwood is when bowling, relying on leagth and a nagging persistence. Maltby would have preferred pace and a chance to volley, but he got neither, as McDouald kept him in a state of frustration at the back of the court.

Thomas, who now faces Ellis, lost a game to N. E. C. Barham (Eton) but tightened his play in the fourth game sufficiently to sould out any hopes the Edonkan 12.45 (12.48) ANGLER KURDLE (Handicap: £463: 21,m; Lest (R. Norton), 10-11-13

Nova Elderado, Ceorge Knight (7-1)

Warwick Fiyer ...N. Laverock (7-1)

ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Moss Way
(4ht), 15-2 Giri Peter, 9-1 Blasta
Blaze, 10-1 Niswyth, 11-1 Shippin,
12-1 Golden Litchen, 14-1 Castell
Memories, 15-1 Steve Monder (p),
20-1 Roman Tittle (p), Silent Town
(1), Angel Abroad, Allitha (p), Polo
Boy, Dandy Scot, 17 ran,
TOTE: Win, 11-31 Places, 34n,
120 25p, 11p; dast process, 24, 52,
There was no bid for the winner. snuff out any hopes the Economian may have held. Thomas then went off to play in the Middle-sex junior squash ratkets cham-

Ellis the chance of killing the ball.

McDonald's win over W. J.

Malthy (Wellington) by 15—5, 15—6, 15—1 was not such a coup de maître though it was susprisingly one-sided. After his win over C. F. Worlidge (Mariborough) on Tuesday, Malthy was expected at least to give McDonald a run. But on this occasion he faced a different type of opponent. The left-handed McDonald is a worker. like Derek Underwood is

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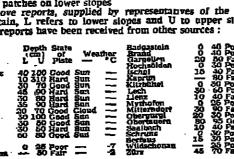
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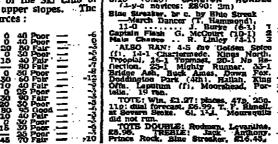
Sweet Millie, John Williams (6-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 80-1 Wicken Folly

(u. 4 ran,
TOPTE: Win, 15p: dual furecast,
22p. A. Turnell, at Mariborough. 81

distances Morning Lee . J. Burke (20-1) 19 Morning Lee . J. Burke (20-1) 2 Marning Lee . J. Burke (20-1) 3 ALSO RAN: 14-1 Big Ben (4th), 18-1 Oui Monsterr. 20-1 Peerjees Prince, 25-1 Rib Law. Tunarum, 50-1 Haybale, 66-1 Morcy Flight, 100-1 Avec Amour, Bustabully, 12 ran. TUTE: Wb. 13p; pieces, 11p, 45n, 21p; data! forecast, 85p, 1F, T. Winter, at Lambourn. St. 10k. Polletion did not run.





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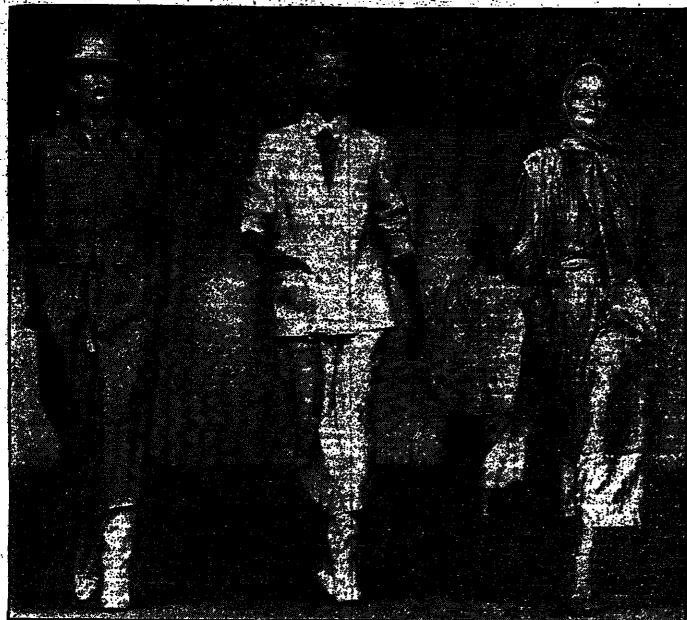
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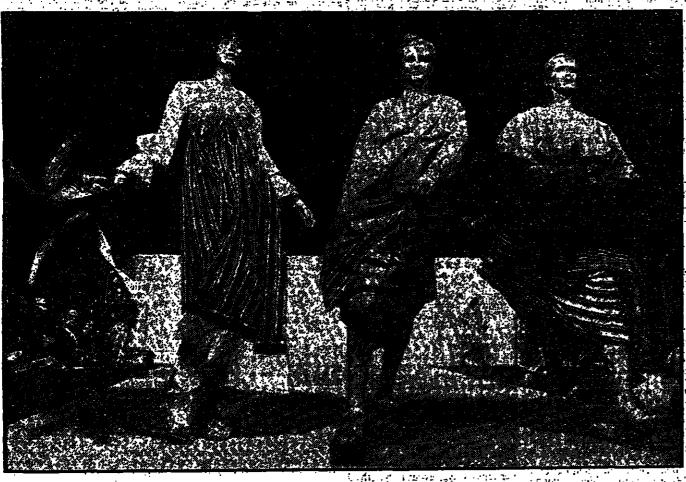
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DRAWING OF BONDS



Above left and centre: The mesorable tweeds of last summ translated into linen for spring

Above right: Pale green silk turns and scart, prior skirt and gilet Arab swathed



### rimining & What They want Us to look like

For those who have inhaled the maxim | attributed to the Duchess of Windsor, which is that you cannot be either too than or too rich, I have bad news. Of course, the latter belf of the idea has been impossible (legally) for quite some time in our joily democratic state, but until now the former concept has gained (though I suppose it should be "lost") great weight. Shimness has been all. No. Chite chathes above size 14, worth and clothes above size 14, youth and birdlike frames at the prow, all so beautiful, maturely youthful women of a certain build who now, if I read the signs aright, will be the commanding figures in the next fashionable fling.

I base this not just on personal observation and reading of the gossip columns, where all the most exotic romances seem to be slotted into the over 40 bracker (are we in for an Edwardian pre-Pill renaissance of The Matried Women has joining the FFC. Matried Woman, has joining the EEC induced the Englishman that preference shared by the Latins and the Gauls for

shared by the Latins and the Gauls for the more sophisticized partner in place of the dreamy Deb?). No, my assumption comes from the designs on which I have recently adjudicated.

An irony here. The first group of student designs which I saw, entries for the Royal Society of Arts Bursaries, were of a higher standard than ever before: I particularly congrastiate Portsmouth College of Art and The London School of Feehion, but all the shapes and all the ideas and all the drawings were on large ladies. A few days later, I looked at the entires for the admirable Evans at the entires for the admirable Evans Outsize award in the same venue, and wished that three-quarters of the entries for the earlier contest had been included in the earlier contest had been included

Briefly, how the young who will dic-tate our lifestyle—see us is, larger, taken, broader, not the dolly-bird but the mother of dicroes image. We shall be clad in layers of chothing (well, that is already evident) but we shall elso be clad in

is awful, women will survive because they know best. Is it just a coincidence that of the few remaining monarchies so many

of the few remaining monarchies so many are headed up by women? Or that I, though a passionate feminist who mostly prefers the company of men, should find myself so complete in my admiration for Queen Elizabeth II.?

But what is the New Women to be called? Not a matron, not Ms, not by title—so aging though not as bad as being called sir by the well-mannered young, my menfolk tell me. Not as a relation—"aunt" is simply awful, but I found "mummy" fairly sorted me out from the girls. As for "granny", well the elegant Baroness: Birk has written, the only possible account of how to cope with that crisis of nomenciature. Faced with that crisis of nomenclature. Faced with her first grandchild, naturally much welcomed but also a nudge of the winged chariot, Lady Birk says that she leaned over the cradle and murmured, "Call me

A shorter place today, but then I am fust recovering from the cultural shock of a bouquet of flowers from Selfridges, which consisted of manye chrysenthe of a boudnet of flowers from Selfridges, which consisted of manye chrysenther mins pale blue trises, large white chrysenther mins, pale blue trises, large white chrysenther with the prices of the non-arrived grey mullet in place of the non-arrived grey mullet in place of the non-arrived grey mullet or sea hass was delicious, and I only camot shank you personally because colour which can only safely be left to Selfridge's Press Office has been engaged. For two and a half hours and the switch to the board is far the busy to take a trustally does, but this unlikely combination was splayed into a fanshape in a plastic the prices?

conscious fashion editor. As you stil know, I regard dress as the expression of political, economic and control climates. So we are in for (a) a food crisis (not just a bakers' strike) in which the support of a large woman will be seen to reflect glamorously on her provided, (b) an energy crisis, in which layers of dothes will have to be superseded by layers of far for warmit, (c) a crisis of identity for newly liberated men who can now admit to their dependence (hook at the comparative sizes of Eustage and Hilda on BBC television. Susan Fleetwood is not just L. P. Hartley's ideal figure now). Then of course there is the suggestion of a new matriarchy. When everything is awful, women will survive because they and I reckon most customers to be like

indulgent as the foregoing might suggest.
I am, always, on the side of the customer, and I reckon most customers to be like myself, shore on time, money and temper and wanting above all to shop in as few places as possible for the maximum num-ber of goods which measure up to one's

particular taste.

The retailer can achieve this in two ways. Either he can offer an enormous variety, and excellent service, as does Harrods, or he can offer a much narrower. Harrods or he can offer a much narrower range in an unwavering level taste and style and value as do Heal's, Habitat, Conran or the John Lewis partnership. This is the era of discrimination in shopping as it always is when the economic climate is sharp; so I just leave the mind of one of the greatest retailers in this country. Sir Charles Clore, as he departs the throne to concentrate on his already formidable charitable activities. How can you have the beautiful and dazdingly chita Miss Selfridge to which even I no Miss (see above), am this moment bound for my new country wardfold, and the best fish department in London—happy Christmas, Mr. X, the Devenshire bake you suggested in place of the non-arrived grey mullet CONTRACTS AND TENDERS

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In Pursuit of Coleridge

It has not been the best of

years for the Oxford Univer-

sity Press. A month or two ago Elisabeth Murray revealed par-

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matter of the Oxford English

Dictionary, and now Kathleen

of Samuel Taylor Coleridge.

By Kathleen Coburn

(Bodley Head, £4.50)

Nations and States (Methuen, £12)

This is as difficult a book to review as it must have been to write. Professor Secon-Watson Nations", on the movements waged for national unity, on the venom. Europe-based empires and the new nations which emerged from them, and on the Euro-pean overseas empires. Then follow sections on the Muslim empires of West Asia and North Africa; the Chinese, In-dian and other empires of East Asia; and on the colonial empires and new nations of Africa. Finally, there are sections on the impact of race on nationalism, on "diaspora nations", on nationalism and class warfare, and on the in-teraction between nationalism and various world-wide ideological movements. Seton-Watson provides notes, bibliographies and two indices, altogether making up over 550 pages; and his book is priced accordingly. No one will dispute the

importance of the subject. Nationalism, regarded as self-determination, has been labelled as a progressive force since the days of the Enlight-enment. In the ninerecuth

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origins on a historical, region ceased. This has not happened, which provide the key to an the rule of law. Even in by-region (and almost country. Religion, class-warfare, ideal understanding of a particular theory, then, it is useless for by-country) basis, and then ogy but, above all, nationalism, historical phenomenon. Endless ending Ogaden-type wars. reexamines it on the basis of concepts. Thus he has four chapters on Europe, on what then ever before, and more at his best when dealing with Nations." on the calls the "Old Continuous wars, albeit small ones but Fosters and Continuous wars, albeit small ones but Fosters and Continuous wars. with considerable venom. Appalling crimes have been, and are being, committed in the name of the nation-state. the summarizing both illu-What guidance does Professor minating and easy to read. What guidance does Professor Secon-Watson have to offer? Seton-Watson have to offer?

Not very much, I fear, That fessor had let himself go a is not his intention. His book litt's more often, and made it is more a survey of the topic clear what really worries him.

Nations and States

An enquiry into the origins of national ison and the politics of nationalism.

Sylvantic States of the writing of a potted history determination was virtually of the world. Seton-Watson was intelligent and Travelle of the world. Seton-Watson Realpolitik. Russia's irresponsithe Balkans and Turkey. There, his profound knowledge

and love of his subject make officially for what it is worth, that Zionism is a form of racialism. But Zionism is a form of racialism. But Zionism is only one type of nationalism, which has the Soviet, Union, which has been used to the anti-imperialist pack in our time, is now the last survived that our time, is n

### Paul Johnson Hot

written into the Treaty of Ver -does, not altogether avoid the bility might not matter quite sailes and successively en temptation. We have short, and so much were it not for the skrined in the League and the usually admirable, summaries prevailing nationalist ideology United Nations. The expect of a vast range of historical of the United Nations, which tation among the well-meaning, developments—such as the rise reflects the interests, real or has set up the broadest possible canvas for himself. In up of the old colonial empires, in India. But, despite the ial territories. The UN puts the seeking to understand the and the establishment of self-, length of the book, there is an attended to national aspiranature of nationalism, and its determined states all over the never enough space for a treat-impact upon states and inter-mational society, he traces its in which territorial aggression lation of the significant details tion of international order and the rule of law. Even in

Seton-Watson, however, has little to say about the UN. He writes at length on race, but bere again he does not answer what to me is an increasingly insistent question: at what point does nationalism become racism? After all, is not all nationalism a form of racial pride which must, if only by inference, contain a racialist element? The UN has officially pronounced, for what it is worth, that Zionism is a form of racialism. But Zionism is

the ex cathedra suff. And that, of course, is what Mr Wain is throw in provocative effectively, being the work of a juicy man, does not contain merely the words delivered that this blunt directness is that the state of the Vorkeling supports. that of the Yorkshire squire (though it was his elder brother, I believe, who inherited the broad acres"). This gives Professing Poetry an unbuttoned quality which is most processing the profession of the profe uncommon in current literary criticism. If anything, it reminds me more of the tradition of table talk, rather than chair talk—the sort of remarks which Drummond of Hawthornden recalled being made by Ben Jonson, or which Coleridge could rever be presented from out. son, or which Coleridge could never be prevented from outpouring whether he had an audience or not. The snag is that Mr Wain (as the nine new poems at the back of this volume remind us) is certainly not a poet who can be mentioned in the same breath as Ben Jonson or Coleridge, and consequently his table talk is often mere chatter of little interest to anyone save his friends. But he is a generous man, and his habit of interspers-

> as a professor. Meanwhile, his book is readable, and easy-going and decent with praise, and the lectures must certainly have inspired an undergraduate or two to assume that poetry is something one try to write, and not just

doubt

Tornado Pratt By Paul Ableman (Gollancz, £4.95) By Colin Willock

True novels tell us something about ourselves and the human ties. He is the last of the old-fashioned American tycoons: a

flashbacks and the stumbling lapses of memory of a dying man to a young man, who may be his nephew and surrogate son and potential biographer, and may be just the Filipiao bellhop, or a hallucination. His panting and picaresque auto-biography is broken into short chapters by jokey crossheads such as "Pratt learns that the

did you, pray, a young chit like you ... manage to get that stuff! Don't you know that England is full of old grey-

on nationalism will turn instinctively and gratefully to
this volume: the enormous
subject has, as it were, been
tamed and reduced to managtamed and reduced to managtamed and reduced to managtamed and reduced to managtamed and reduced to managthe dilemma in which Russia

which is now at the root of tween national cultures and inferstate cooperation but misery there. It also creates no one has yet devised machinery for striking it.

Robert Nye

man, and his habit of intersperswith puffs for the unknown is not necessarily a bad habit. One of these grese might really be a swan, and then a future generation will conclude that Mr Wain was a propher as well

to analyse or evaluate. The pro-

uch fun as Tornado, which I

ical anthropomorphism in the manner of Cavin Maxwell and sadistic thriller.

It is interesting when it sticks to the ecology of mountain gorillas in a mythical Central African state not a million miles from the Coago: Their miles from the Coago: Their survival is threatened by Pyg-mies, poachers, farmers, miners, shady local politicians, and sentimental wild-life campaigners; and the great primates are lovingly and credibly described from diet to dominance in the family group.

It is the humans who are incredible. Agreed that there is no more savage creature in is no more savage creature in the forest of the world than man. But it is not necessary to feed so many of them testicles first through a circular saw to make the point. The punches in the plot are telegraphed fifty

Quick guide one problem. What to do when in the Middle East, demon-the round of excitement, wars, strates the covariable capacity.

neth Sisam's amused but an-

Coburn shows the Press turnguished " How?" and are the ing its back on what has fulcrum to Miss Coburn's book. proved to be one of the most Lord Coleridge was a "brus-que dry, caustic" man until you got to know him. (He moving- and majestic contributions to licerary scholarship of you got to know thin. (He reminds one of a notebook remark by STC himself: "A kindhearted man obliged to give a refusal, or the like, that will give great pain, finds relief in doing it roughly and fiercely".) His wife was always kind and full of encouragement. These two people the century: the text of and commentary on the Notebooks When the youthful Miss Coburn ("a very young very starry-eyed, very ebullient bore" she calls herself at one point) went down to see Ken-neth Sisam of the Clarendon always kind and that of encouragement. These two people
were not "scholarly" or
"literary" and their close
guardianship of the Coleridge
notebooks had been, as much Press in 1936 with a proposal to edit the notebooks from the original copies "he throw back his head and laughed. How

as anything, through a decent wish to keep their domestic privacy.
Through her very youth, and

Through her very youth, and her female ness, and her colonial ness—and, indeed, through a knowledge of beef cattle—Kathleen Coburn established first a friendship and then a deeply affectionate bond with Lord and Lady Coleridge, so that her work on the note-books became part of a natural beards who've been wanting to get their hands on that for decades? Tell me How?'" It is clear he was not going to take her very seriously. After all was not Mr Stephen Porter planning with the Press a four-volume edition of transbooks became part of a natural pattern rather than an intrusive cripts of the notebooks (per-haps with the help of G. Odoreida), and who could believe in the scholarly poten-tial of "'a colonial and all that—and, if I may say so, not meaning to be rule a saying assault. (Finally she persuaded the Baron to sell the notebooks to the Pilgrim Trust for the British Museum—a transaction from which that institution meaning to be rude, a young woman, too'"? Thus, primarily on the advice of E. K. Chambers ("who was writing his notoriously wrong-headed biography of Coleridge at that time"! "The Delegates rejected." emerges with little credit, as it was writing script Department, refused to wrong-headed by further Coleridge noteridge at that books owned by another ares rejected branch of the family.) From proposal on its coverage of such dealings account of editing account of editing miss Coburn's proposal on its coverage of such deatings financial grounds—and such a as these, and from its reward-rejection it seems is absolute ing account of editing and eternal. The project fall tered, the war supervened—but be merged as a hot project, the war supervened—but Miss Coburn, who was tending the years when he emerged as a hot project with the management of the project of the management of the project of the management of the cious as well as starry eyed (and who, incidentally, is is may seem to be aimed at an pur audience of Coleridgians. But the candour and approachabpose, and once the war was over she set about reviving plans for publication. In 1957 the first "volume"—one book of original Coleridge, and one leness of her discussions or these matters is matched by her warmth in describing the daily events of a life ruled by an over-riding passion. Her accounts of her life in Canada especially on her summer island—and her book of commentary—
appeared and Miss Coburn
and Routledge and the Bollingen Foundation had every
reason to congratulate themdescriptions of travel, whether to Ottery St Mary or to Mount Aema, are given with an in-genuous delight. What an envi-able life—and what a roster of The Notebooks, which have now reached their third "volume", bear on their dedication page the names of Geoffrey, Third Baron Coleridge, achievement for a colonial woman fallen among English

greybeards. Brian Alderson

industry, hasn't resolved in Faulkner disliked letter writing. Many of these were wrong out of him by the need for money. They are a portain of the second state of the second se

the arbst as financial disaster area: royalty worries, Holly-wood back work, stories turned out for quick cash. It is hard

frey, Third Baron Coleridge, and his wife Jessie, and they are, finally, the answer to Ken-The next Book Page will appear in The Times on January 5.

### Impressive pessimist away from baring his obsessions ourside the published fiction: Even Professor Blotner, who is a bit of a one-men Faulkner

Selected Letters of William Faulkner Edited by Joseph Blotner (Scolar Press, £10)

a success

exceeded all expectations"

In the dear dead days when Penguin were self-confident enough to forgo fancy book-jackers, William Faulkner was the king of those potted biographies on the orange back, to which every buyer's eye went There was that wary, huntin'man photograph, and then (for
example): "Taking a nightshift
job as coal heaver in a power
plant, he wrote As I Lay Dying
(1930) between midnight and 4.0 am without changing a

Beat that, old Hemingway! Respect your elders, young Mailer ! Hemingway and Mailer both crop up in this handsome volume of Faulkner letters : the

former in a rather tedious dis-pute about courage; the latter over Mailer's claim that, in the American South, "The Negro had his sexual supremacy and the white had his white supremacy." On which Faulkner

out for quick cash. It is hard not to start skipping, once you've got the point.

"Sex and death; the frent and the back door of the world." This is a chapter opening in his first novel, Soldiers' Pay. His fiction seldom failed to deliver on those. Which is perhaps why, eventually, the film makers beat a path to his door—despite the fog of his extraordinary style. In his later novels especially, he often sounds (one critic said) "as if he were speaking from the depths of a great chair set before an open fire with glass in hand and friends around him, all comfortable and a little sleepy, oblivious of time and the necessity for herry. His voice drones on, lavishly and the necessity for heary. His voice drones on, lavishly and discursively, as he elaborates on familiar twice-told tales."

There is fattle of that insight into self or others in these pages. Faulkiner was a novelist, not a critic. The letters are as unlike Edmund Wilson's as they could be. I have heard this idea expressed several times during the past 20 years, though not before by a man. The others were ladies, northern or middle western ladies, usually around 40 or 50 years of age, I don't know what a psychiatrist would

find in this. find in this.

A psychiatrist would, no doubt, have found Faukner's own idea of a scathing reply preny interesting, too. But as these letters show, he was a man who usually played his life like poker; not like a confessional. He was a the books alone to be lowern by his books alone. be known by his books alone. Even those (he claimed) he would have preferred to get out untainted by a signature, to live their own life.

There are echoes of Currer, Ellis and Acton Bell here: an element of romantic posa. (For Howarth and Heathchiffe, read Yoknapatrawpha County and Popeye, Temple Drake's dark-clad "seducer" in Sunctuary.) There's also an element of entering the glare of publicity backwards: one way of not be-

ing Hemingway.
The editor of a writer's letters has a problem with someone who shied so strongly

could be.
They did, though, send me back to the novels. Faulkner is back to the novels. Faulkner is an impressive pessionist; and, for an American writer, remarkably unanxious.

Despute his alleged wish for privacy, he always created little myths about himself (notably, as Blooner underlaned, about his warnime service). And the laner, grander Faulkner added others. In his Nobel speech he described himself as writing and grander Faulkner added others. In his Nobel speech he described himself as writing "not for glory and least of all for profit." But I suspect he'll live for Sanctuary and the monstrous Popeye, with eyes like "two knobs of soft black rubber"—rather than for the Shandean convolutions of his more elaborate sages.

Sonction was, in fact, con-ceived solely to make money. Facilizing had his secrets. But he didn't put them into his letters.

Paul Barker

expense account living are over. One answer is to write your memoirs. Few succeed in combining the fun of the chase combining the fun of the chase and the judgment of hind sight with such good humour as Terence Prittie (Backman & Turner monto—"Prepared for all things") in this beguiling account of his life and good times. Above all Mr Printie, now engaged in championing the cause of Israel and peace Law Report December 21 1977

Queen's Bench Division

### Local productivity schemes not against miners' union rules

tion in law or equity the application by the Yorkshire, South Walesand Kent areas of the National Union of Mineworkers for interlocutory injunctions to restrain the union's national executive committee from setting up area incentive schemes for mineworkers with the object of increasing productivity.

The three areas, the plaintiffs, sought, inter alia, injunctions against the defendants, Mr Joseph Gornley and Mr Lawrence Daly, union president and secretary respectively (sued on their Own behalf and on behalf of the members of the national executive committee), the union and the union's South Derbyshire area, to restrain them from negotiating or concluding incentive schemes.

Mr Stuart Shields, QC, and Mr Stephen Sedley for the plaintiffs; Mr Conrad Dehn, QC, Mr T. R. A. Morison and Mr Michael Baker

for the defendants. MR JUSTICE WATKINS said that the National Union of Mineworkers was a federal trade union; composed of 24 constituent members, which were either areas or associations of workmen. Each area or association was a trade union in its own right. The three plaintiffs were each a constituent member of the union.

The plaintiffs applied for interlocutory injunctions in order to bring to an abrupt standstill the activities of constituent members relating to incentive schemes, pending the result of the trial of

the action. The grant of an interlocutory injunction was a discretionary remedy giving temporary relief to successful applicant. In exercising its discretion the court was not trying the action but was con-cerned to discover whether the evidence revealed any serious question to be tried, whether the claim was frivolous or vexatious, and in the event of there being a serious issue to be tried, whether the balance of convenience lay in serious issue to be tried, whether the balance of convenience lay in granting or refusing the application for temporary relief. The question of damages did not arise. The question before the court was whether constituent members of the National Union of Mineworkers had been properly authorized to enter into an incentive or productivity scheme with the National Coal Board. It implied that men who took part in it should be paid, in addition to the wase laid down in the national wages agreement, a further stim hased on productivity.

The, plaintiffs maintained that they were resolutely opposed to such a scheme. It was a return, they said, to the old insted piecework system. The only permissible wage for influence was the product of a national wages agreement. The union, during many years of endeavour had attained the aim of a national wage. The plaintiffs' view seemed to be that union rules

wage. The plaintiffs' view seemed to be that union rules and conference resolutions affecting wages rested for the time being, and did not at the moment permit another sim to emerge without alteration of the policy or by resolution passed at some future special or annual conference. The national executive committee wielded nower between conence. The manoral executive com-matter whelded power between con-ferences, but its powers were sub-servient to conference, resolutions and to union rules. The com-mittee might propose the creation of fresh aims and explore them, but it could not activate them. That was the business of the con-ference.

National Union of Mineworkers
(Yorkshire Area) and Others v
Gormley and Others
Before Mr Justice Watkins
His Lordship described as a hollow application without foundation in law or equity the applicaweeks. For the week ended, Dec-ember 17 it was 51 per cent higher and 32 per cent above the highest of those 10 weeks.

Of the 24 constituent members of the union, 12 had set about

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signing agreements, or were on the brink of signing or moving brink of signing or moving steadily towards doing so. Four pits in North Yorksture had sent letters to the committee request-ing a scheme, and formal ing a scheme, and formal approaches had been made by two other pits in the same area. Eight constituent members, including Yorkshire, Kent and South Wales, had not applied to join in the schemes. One was the cokemen, who had their own productivity scheme, and another was a constituent member most of whose men came within the cokemen's scheme. More than 5885,000 was owed by the NCB to those who had participated or were, within the relevant period. It would mostly go into wage packets on Docember 23.

The plaintiffs said that if heads

The plaintit's said that it heads were counted there was a larger number outside than inside the scheme. Those outside did not outweigh those within by much, and many of them belonged to associations which had their own productivity schemes.

Mr Shields contended that the plaintitt's conduct was country.

plaintiffs' conduct was contrary to union objects as expressed in union rule 3. The objects in-cluded, in rule 3(t), negotiating a national wage agreement covering the whole of the British coal fa-dustry. His Lordship could see no possibility of a court finding that the national executive conmirree would act out of accord with the rules if it went on with the schemes. Mr Dehn pointed out that the union had not abou-

out that the union had not about doned its claim to increase the national wage—it still demanded fi35 a week as a national wage for all mineworkers.

Rule 8 provided that the government of the union should be by conference, and that in the periods between conference the committee between conference the committee and affairs and perform all duties laid down for it by resolution of conference. The rule also said that the committee should not at

ference.
Rule 36 provided that the area should superexecutive committee should super-vise and coordinate the action of all branches in its area and should an area or district agreement abould have the approval of the national executive committee. Using those powers the committee

passed at the annual conference in July 1977, which reaffirmed the result of the national ballet which had rejected proposals for a national incentive scheme. The Keni area had sought an The Kent area nad sought an injunction to prevent the committee from bolding a ballot on a national productivity echeme. The application failed at first instance before Six Robert Megarry, Vice-Charalter (The Times October Chancellor (The Times October 20) and before the Court of Appeal (The Times, October 21). His Lordskip found the reasoning of the Vice-Chancellor and Lord Denning irresistible. The ballot Denning irresistible. The ballot mok place on September 26 and the mineworkers rejected national incentive schemes. The result of the ballot was not binding on the committee between conferences, so rule 8 did not apply, and it could not be said that after that ballot translating exhaust ware an in-

incentive schemes were an in-fringement of rule 8 by the comof fresh aims and explore them, but it could not activate them, but it could not activate them. That was the business of the conference.

The committee had passed a resolution on December 8, delegating power or granting permission to areas allowing them to negotiate achemes with the National Coal Board. Figures showed the practical result of that resolution. Group saleable output of the South Derbyshire area for the week ended November 12 was a conference to ratify or reject, what it had done. It was a hollow application without foundation in law or equity. The application failed.

Curry-& Gaskell.

### Wide jurisdiction in interpleader proceedings

The court has a wide jurisdiction in interpleader proceedings under Order 17, rule 3 of the Rules of the Sapreme Court to make such order "as it thinks just", the Court of Appeal said. Such an order can be made even though if may interfere with the title to property or a fund.

The Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal by three Panamamian companies, Navegantes Nacional SA, Navegantes Universal SA, and Astro Mandato Companies Routeral SA, of the Colocopromis group of companies, from an order of Mr Justice Robert Goff that sams incurred, in the operating Costs and expenses of three

that sums incurred, in the operating costs and expenses of three vessels, should be disbursed in settlement of the debts out of a joint account into which hire in respect of the vessels had been made in favour of the European American Banking Corporation, of New York, on a claim for interpleader relief by two British Petroleum companies, which had chartered the vessels from the Panamanian companies,

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the European-American Banking Corporation had advanced large sums of money to the Colocoronis freet and had taken concorrons neet and had taken mortgages supported by guarantees on the vessels. Disputes had arisen and the cosperation had called in the loans. The charter live on the vessels had been paid for a time to the corporation. for a time to the corporation.

It was said that the corporation were moneyleoders and that the loans and mortgages were void under the Moneylenders Acts. The Colocotronis family said that they still owned all the ships and were entitled to the charter hire.

BP had interpleaded. There was well over \$1m in lofut account in respect of those proceedings.

BP said that the operating expenses of the vessels were to be calculated and paid out of the joint account.

BP Benzin und Petroleum AG and Another v European-American Banking Corporation and Others

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LORD JUSTICE ROSKILL, and order of the interference of the fund should be left interecting the fund should be left interecting the fund should be left interecting and that it was said that the litigation between the parties the fund should be left intact until the litization between the parties had ended. The jurisdiction under Order 17, rule 8 was as wide as it possibly could be. The court could make an order for sale under Order 29, rule 4. An order for sale was interfering with title. The fact that there might be interference with title was no bar to making such an order as had been sought.

Sir Robert. Megarry, Vice Chancelor, in a statement, made in court for the guidance of the profession, said that he atrongly deprecated any drafting of a statement of claim which proceeded by way of incorporating some other document which was not served with it, particularly when the incorporation by reference made a number of amendment to what was incorporated whether by way of alteration of addition. It was not for the littants or the court to have to put two documents state by side and then spell out of them what was the final results of the incorporation by reference.

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## Chair and table talk

Professing Poetry By John Wain (Macmillan, £6:95)

"John," says Yevrushenko, "you are a very juicy man." John tells us that Yevrushenko said that. Page 233. They are having lunch with others—" We are on opposite sides of the table, but we signal to each other with understanding."

Wain ponders the meaning of being a juicy man. "Since from his expression I see that this is a compliment, I assume he means that I am the opposite of

a dry stick."

So he is. A juicy man. In-deed, juiciness is all in this rather unusual book. John Wain, poet, novelist, critic, has since late 1973 been the Pro-fessor of Poetry at Oxford. He occupies, as they say, a chair.
And it is a chair which has been occupied by distinguished writers before him: Auden, Graves, Day Lewis, Blunden, Fuller. Most of these writers published the lectures which they delivered from that chair,

Poetry, being the work of a juicy man, does not contain merely the words delivered from the chair, but the thoughts of the charman on the way to in the local pub on the way home from the chair, and so on and so forth. In other words, it is a set of Oxford Professo of Poetry Lectures (fairly for-mal pieces on Auden, on Lar-kin, on Empson, on Emily Dickinson, on Edward Thomas, and on more general topics such as "Poetry and Social Criticism") buttressed with chat about the gathering in the author's garden when the news came through that he had been elected, happy little reminis-cences of the victory dance performed by his friends Philip Larkin and Peter Levi later that night, extensive quotations from the work of younger poets he has encouraged while at Ox-ford and rather chumny wordpictures of them, all designed or thrown together to open a window not just on the author's mind but on his way of life.
The merit of the book is that
it does provide a sort of con-

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it does provide a sort of continuum, and the reader is then
free to decide whether he enjoys existing alongside it or
even (if he can accept Mr
Wain's blandishments) within
it. A dry stick would march up
to his chair and deliver his
thoughts on, say. Empson and
then retire. Mr Wain, all juicy,
can not only range up and down
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### **Fiction**

(Macmillan, £4.95) Snow Bound Six By Richard Martin Stern (Secker & Warburg, £4-50)

condition that we can recognize. At first acquaintance Tornado Pratt is an unlikely crea-ture to have much of relevance to say to us tame and tepid readers of fiction of the Sevenviolent, selfish, primitive cow-boy of a man, with an outra-geous lust for life, booze and women. He has made his mil-lions and lost them again as easily as other men catch colds on the way to the office. Now he lies dying in some faraway and expensive hotel, and his life flickers before his eyes like a screen on which a thou-sand movies are playing at the

He relates it episodically with

such characters, if ever a real typhoon tycoon was half as

Gorilla is about the real thing, Troglodytes gorilla, not the metaphorical tycoon variety of primate. Colin Willock, producer of natural history films for television, is better on gorillas than he is on their human relativate. His book is human relatives. His book is an odd combination of ecological anthropomorphism in the

pages before they arrive. I liked the gorillas; disliked and disbelieved in the guerrillas and other cardboard humans. Perhaps what we need is a back by gorillas as colorier. book by gorillas on ecologists.

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manner and beauty and dies when both are thrown over-in favour of Albert, a duli petit bourgeeis: It was an allowable, indeed convincing interpreta-Shaw, in an uncharacteristic solid and at the same time cally kindly account of Mas more vulnerable than that He sener's work, could not resist may arrive singing of Mother commenting that the hero has Nature ("Mère nature, pleine commenting that, the hero has "Name" ("Mere nature, pleme only two active moments: the de grace") but he is bowled in the but he is bowled in the but he is bowled he kiss from Charlotte and the second when he shoots himself. This characterization is characterization, is characterization, is himself, the though he has sener's music, which makes chosen for his first whether, this one of the most taxing of

tion. Domingo's Werther is more was, to present an almost French senor roles de demands - trary to Thackeray's derisory totally passive hero. Jose is heroic staying power to tackle and over-quoted quatrain, and

more cowardly than the unfor-

tunate who dies of a malignant

set too high a price on life. by the pulsations in the Early on in the book he argues orchestra, do not come easily. Early on in the book he argues orchestra, do not come easily. with Albert, who becomes Charthe final two acts, though, lotte's husband, that the man found him in his most glowing who commits, suicide is no voice; there was no need for voice; there was no need for those head notes which Massenet too often demanded, and which Georges Thill and few other tenors, easily supplied. Domingo the spuraed lover is a formidable creature, and the second half of the evening sug-gested why Werther has strong claims to be considered Mas-sener's strongest score.

There are plans for Deutsche record Grammophon to Werther and they could do well not to look beyond Munich's Brigitte Passbänder as their Charlotte. Miss Fassbänder has not been heard often enough in Britain. Her Charlotte is a characterization bristling with intelligence and awareness of the demands of the score. In the opening acts she is the dutiful older sister, bringing up the family ou something rather more appetizing than bread-and-butter, con-

Sean McCarthy's shambling

George sets the tone of the

evening: at once a menace, and

not to be taken seriously. He also does a good rumbling Churchill imitation; but he does

Musically, the show excels in a Supermac calypso, work and folk songs (including an acro-

batic Russian number) and a very beautiful madrigal set against ironic stage business. But there is less variety, and less melodic interest than I expected; and the company are

expected; and the company are sady stranded without their mikes. Elizabeth MacLennan appears as a seraphically innocent, narrator, and James Grant as a series of shrewdly caricatured Caledonian yestien.

traneous stage manic slow the story rather more than is good for, it, and there are unduly

long gaps between calls for the audience's participation and,

ugliest faces at the vilkin, but

there are frequent spacks of the wild-eyed humour that Mr Langham brought to Illumin-atus! and his one-man shows.

Norma Cohen as Vanilla is not

only an express train, but also

If constant bounce and

involvement are the keys to a

Tenor, mezzo and conductor received a deserved ovation after the first night. The supporting singers were no more children poor. The latter begin and end the opera, so they should be made to work a lit-tle harder. The producer, Kurt Horres, and his designer, Horres, and his designer Andreas Reinhardt, met with a mixture of applause and deri-sion. Perhaps the detractors were looking for a sweet tale of Christmas Eve; perhaps Munich, or part of Munich, believed that the great Goethe had been traduced by Mas-

senet. Horres has served his composer both poorly and excel-lently. The opening act is a blaze of green, with the play-things of Charlone's little brothers and sisters picked our a rocking harse, a water but, a Punch and Judy theatre; the large bay window, with its comfort-able living inside, is there as Massener's librerists directed.
Act II goes completely adrift. with no sense of the small

#### John Higgins

town life, which Michael Redgrave realized so admirably in his Glyndebourne production; the linden trees burst into fairy lights for no good reason—and plenty of bad n—and plenty of bad —when Werther begins ones when Werther begins
"Un autre est son epoux".

Then in Act III comes a revelation: Charlotte's home is a chill desert with the sticks of furniture planted in a snowy waste reflecting the winter night outside. Andrei Serban pulled a similar visual conjuring trick in New York in The Cherry Orchard when he had Mme Ranevskaya apparently living amidst a sea of white blossom, but Horres and Reinhardt use the gloom beyond the doors to suggest that the lives of both Werther and Char-lotte face nothing but the black void.

Munich can take great pride in this production and in the playing of the orchestra under playing of the orches Lopez-Cobos, which stantly responsive to the richness of Massener's score, perfumed and impassioned by turns. Surprisingly, this was the first performance of Werther in the city, but then the art cinema opposite simultaneously giving the opening ton of Broadway Melody of 1936. Massener's Wetzler Melody of 1892 is likely to have the longer stay in the repertory.

Postscript: Placido Domingo will make his debut as a con-ductor when he takes over the traditional New Year's Eve per-formance of Die Fledermaus from Carlos Kleiber, who has withdrawn for family reasons.

#### wraps foot from the sters. It is ... Apart from the foreknowledge | Mastermind Pub Entertainer

non, heaven knows, a lecture on of how all the evidence is going economics; but any treatment to be stort-circuited at the end, of the subject must acknow it is not easy to follow the line ledge that capitalism begins of the fable. Mr McGrath simply with the translation of raw slogs through recent history, materials into currency. In Mr giving it the occasional fairy-ating. McGrath's world, we never take twist, and skating brazenly and emerge from the barter system, over any facts that do not suit BBC 1/Thames

Sloane Square is celebrating McGrath's world, we never take twist and saming Christmas with a song and emerge from the barrer system. over any facts that do not suit dance pageant of British capital. Another drawback is the late his purpose: such as describing ism from feudal times to the arrival of the hero. Three wars as capitalist frauds and discovery, of North, Sea Oil months gone and still no sign acknowledging Russia's involve—which is apparently going to of Dick", is may say in the old ment in the last one, all in the bring communism to Scatland, melodramas, but this is ridicus same breath. The main Scottish this being the work of the long, Century after cantury theme is poorly focused; and 7.84 Theatre Company (Scott, shoes by with George having altogether it does not much land) it is well armounted against his wicked way wish the peas filuminate our complicated dismissive; sneets, and indeed ans, and we are well into the opens with disarming promises, industrial revolution before any one fairy-tale monster, especially as the tale does not hold together. Alan Coren Pleasing antitheses abounded on Tuesday. On BBC there was the Old Library of the Guild-hall, as nice a bit of graining as you could wish; on ITV, there was the Lakeside Country Club, a thermoplastic amphitheatre so exclusive that you have to be a

human being to get in. The Old Library held Magnus Magnusson, a citizen in direct line from Grendel, a curator of the culture, an intellectual standardbearer; whereas dominion over the Lakeside Country Club rested with Frank

a man as Irish as soft bog.
Two different sorts of very special charm, then, running two different sorts of very special competition: Magnus's shy little flock was competing for nothing more than engraved glassware and the gasps of ell the watching millions amazed that so much could be known thour Amustus Cassar's launghour Amustus Cassar's launghour properties. about Augustus Caesar's laundry; Frank's poshy gang was hot for the smell of a thousand pounds and the chance of ever-

lasting stardom.

In the event, Mastermind could have produced no more proper winner than Sir David. Hunt, a reticed ambassador, a pactician, a man twinkling with awareness of the unimportance of the fray, the exemplary Brit-ish amateur; happiest of all, he was the rank outsider, hav-ing come in as best runner up. Defuly, he wiped the floor with his gentle opposition in a fashion both mannerly and stout, gliding through the existing Mastermind points record like a thinking man's Wally Hammond. It was the old way. and the old virtues: I bit my knuckle, I choked a sob. Across at the Lakeside Astro-

me, electronic group was following electronic group with all the talent and style for which the national grid is justly the national grid is justly famous. Almost three chords were played. The red-faced sea of audience billowed and thundered, cameras probed the serried yards of cleavage, comics came on and told wonderful jokes about dung and in-laws, and in the interstices between the bursts of ambitious denity there always need between the bursts of ambitious genius, there was always good old Frank, muffing his punch lines, yet still managing to get the name of the brewing sponsors across with commendable precision whenever the opportunity presented itself, and often when it didn't.

And at last the coveted cheque went to the deserving winners, a group entitled The Pheasant Pluckers, a name doubtless chosen to ensure that the Rev W. A. Spooner spend eternity spinning in his grave like a top. And both contrasting halves

of this contiguous entertainment were so, well British weren't they? The diffidently brilliant, the appallingly vulgar, and, perhaps above all, the incongruity when the two were thus voked together, the

were thus voked together, the incompatability of taste.

Could we imagine a reciprocal bout, with Sir David bringing a thousand boozers rolling in the Lakeside aisles as he intoned the shoe-sizes of Clytemnestra's kitchen staff, and Magnus leading a congaline of horn-rimmed bibliophiles around the Old Library, while Pheasant Pluckers rore while Pheasant Pluckers tore the night to shreds?

#### **LPO/Dutoit** Festival Hall

#### Stanley Sadie

Both in conception and, some-times, in execution, Tuesday's LPO concert had a touch of Sunday evening flavour, per-haps apt to the season. It began with an attractive piece of picture-postcard music, Enescu's First Romanian Rhapsody: glamourized scenes from Romany, maybe, or from the jolly peasant life, but done with style and brilliance. Enescu was a masterly orchestrator: the sound has a full, warm ring that is all its own, and he delights the ear in turn with glittering woodwind arabesques, high fiddle figuration and crisp brass writing, keeping the folky rhythms pounding the whileand, just as one was beginning to weary of long stretches of A major, he jerks the tonality through half the keys before settling at home.

Charles Dutoit conducted it with at least well simulated abandon. Possibly however he brought rather less fantastic a touch to Berlioz's Symphonie fantastique. I admired the clarity he imparted to the tex-

rhythms in the first movement, the tendresse at the arrival of the Beloved's theme in the ball, and the relentlessness of the "Marche au supplice", among other felicines. But by the end it seemed in sum a slightly ordinary performance: never quite thrilling or even compeli-ing, and lacking something of that shapeliness to the phrasing that can give so much fuller a meaning to a Berlioz line and can uncover a hidden vein of poetry. Kyung-Wha Chung's playing

of the Tchaikovsky violin concerto gave much pleasure for its consistent beauty and purity of tone, even, indeed especially, high up among the lever lines. Her bow arm never gets her into scrapes and her articulation is always spick-and-span.

Initially however, the play-ing was a shade tense, and in the first movement she did not quite manage to impose a logic on the succession of ideas; even if the work is not a masterpiece of structure, some such logic is there for violinists who think in broader terms. There was much charm in her sweetly, rently rhapsodic handling of the Canzonetta, and much vitality in the finale (done with the usual piffling curs), though the Slavenia the Slavenic passion of the second subject seemed just a tures, the eagerness of his little too facile an assumption.

### Through Dr Who-land

The Incredible Johnnie who wants to be a spy, proves a powerful ally for Johnnie.

Languorous mime and, ex-Banger

If the first part of the story is as sketchy as a pre-Columbian map, the latter half is littered with unselective detail, including cameos of prima ministers and TUC leaders, the apparition of J. M. Keynes as a vocalizing wizard, and the release of George's captive Mille, as the sphir of the permissive society.

land) it is well armouted against his wicked way wish the peasdismissive sneers, and indeed anns, and we are well into the
opens with disarming promises, industrial revolution before Ann
of a propaganda exercise. I am
Louise Ross strides on half
not quibbling about the concluprincipal boy, half heroine of
sion, nor about the general
style of the show which slams all, the points across with
all, the points across with the people's enemy
tongue in cheek friendliness. George gets round that by
Coming from a writer as good dispatching her to perform
as John McGrath, though, it is three impossible tasks; which
a climity piece of story-telling, she duly accomplishes by overmid musically well below the
troupe's usual standard.

The idea, is, to present the
rise and fall of capitalist peasants are all too happy with
British through the tale of Jack
the Giant Killer. George the
tive schemes to pay much heed
Giant first appears as a dark to Jack's call, to arms.

If the first part of the story
monopoly in beans, which keeps
it as sketchy as a pre-Columbian

Ned Chaillet

Chris Langham's bero, Johnnie for the children to pull their Banger (Eugene Geasley), is an actor who pretends to be chagrined at finding himself out of Hamlet and in a children's play. With bustling red moustache and an absolute mability to make the children cry, how only an express train, but ever, he quickly resigns himself an easy chair in disguise. to restoring young Prince
Desmond's youthful face, stolen
by the evil Dr Scareypants, and
rescuing Desmond's lady love.
Vanilla, a heroine hypnorized

into thinking herself an express irain. Mr. Langham leads Johnnie on a chase through a veritable. Dr Who-land of poison darts, transformations into gorillas, and giant ducks, and a magic megaphone that brings about.

'all requests that are shouled through 't. There to aid the chase and romanticize the action are Mascara and Zipper, the 'daughters' of Eurhenides Kong when Dr Scareypants enters in breastplate finishes with her, but Zipper, helmet

successful children's show, then the Unicern Company's producrion should be more successful when it picks up speed, when Vanilla's express-train skateboard moves across the stage faster than the Southern Region railway and when the cumbersome red sports car learns to negotiate its entrances and exits with less hesitation.

There is only one serious lapse, which Nicholas Barter might wisely delete from his Pants, a tailor. Mascara, who production, when a character wants to be a famous acress, wishes to see a "chink in his looks fit only to star as King armour" and a Chinese waiter

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Malcolm Muggeridge reports on the latest position in the Butch-Veg dialogue

# The butchers' gala banquet, and how the vegetarians swallowed it whole

For long vegetarians and meat-eaters regarded one another with rigid hostility; between Covent Garden (in its old location) and Smithfield there was either no communication at all or a slanging-match.

No annual banquet of the Worshipful Company Butchers was complete without some facetious freferences to nut-cutlets, and by the same token whenever vegetarians got together there were bound to be cracks directed against meat-eaters, usually attributed to Bernard Shaw—as when, at some public dinner, he was heard asking his neighbour whether he found the corpse he had on his plate to is

Sterile and tedious disputes were carried on, and a state of permanent confrontation prevailed; one side purporting to demonstrate that homo sapiens, virture of his masticatory and digestive equipment, was clearly by nature a vegetarian, the other pointing out that the most sacred symbols involved the concept of meat as an essential dietary item. Who, it was asked, could hope to be uplifted by a sacrificial cab-

by accident—or so it guished visitor from a country heavily engaged in exporting meat to the United Kingdom, Company, Butchers. He turned out, rather surprisingly, to be a vegetarian, and special food was duly prepared for him, tactfully dished up in such a way as to be, as far as possible, indistinguishable from

was being served to everyone else. For instance, there was some blameless vegetable broth which looked exactly like the soup included in the Owing to confusion among the waiters, in the event the broth went to someguest downed, without any apparent signs of distress, a good helping of the authentic

As may be imagined, the in-

a moral in this accidental han pening? If so conscientious as their hodoured guest could Company's very special turtle

was vegetable broth, did not this suggest that the gap bevores was not as wide and imseemed to be the case? Dialogue began. Subsequently, discreer meetings took place in fully selected meat-eaters and vegetarians with a view to exploring their differences, and, hopefully, formulating

their points of agreement. kind who had formerly eschewed even eggs and milk just an omelette fines herbes or weish rarebit, but also, when the occasion offered, a pork chop or filet mignon, the

rarer the better. The discussion was opened by the young master-butcher who and first grawn attention to the deeper significance of the turtle soup mistaken for vegetable broth. Let us, he said, first find some point of agreement; only then will it be possible for us to embark those an authorite and continued.

So, he put forward the proposition: Man needs food as being one about which they might all agree—as, indeed, they did. The question then arose, he went on: What sort of food?, and here differences of view would inevitably arise. to a vegetable dier, and tiny, energetic creatures like fleas that liked nothing better than warm fresh blood; human if possible, animal if the human



Homo sapiens, on the other hand, as in so many other mat-

there really any occasion for them to get worked up over Why not leave that to individ-

The point was well taken. Thien, one of the lapsed vege-tarians brought up the case of Gandhi, a famous and honoured name in orthodox vegetarian circles. It was of course true, he said that the Mahatma had maintained a the end of his life. Incontest to her, even though, according

thereby to acquire the physical meat he are made him sick

persisted in his intention, and become a moderate, sensible

of the young, eager one ready, to experiment with meat eat-ing, and on that basis include him with the sponsors, rather than the inveterate opponents, Thenceforth, the dialogue 'At times,

danger of a readdock. For inmental type of vegetarian, such production were anothema, and cage put High Heaven in a

when one of the house or factory farm condi-tions. Did the birds or the beasts, he asked rhetorically, cient to satisfy demand? On the contrary, they exhibited the otmost refuctance to:

was true, of course, that Rev Stephen, and after the

With a few dissentients, they

agreed to shelve the more con-tentious matters for future consideration, and to join together in the worldwide fight. against under-nourishment, agitating for increased food production by all available methods and in all available forms. On this inspiring note. the Butch-Veg Dislogue proremarks with a smile to take an occasional slice of bacon or

the worse vegetarian for that !

The big gala event was a dinner offered by the Worshipful Company of Burchers to their dialoguing vegetarian friends in their historic banqueting hall. It was a full-dress Shaw, and on the Worshipful Company's, Henry Fielding, who wrote "Oh the reast beef

of England", and Charles Lamb, who celebrated the dis-

a side of beef like an inflated spare-ribs like like bananas, and kidneys bunches like grapes. So well the his work that the impression created was more that of butchers' banquet.

guests, the Worshioful Com-pany had arranged for all the dishes to look like flowers or

fruit or vegetables. Thus, there was a mighty joint shaped to

dent marred the harmony of the proceedings. It happened that an aged vegetarian had by

vitation to the divoer, and duly turned up, bearded, san-daled, and wearing a hand-woven Norfolk jacker and knickerboukers in a style much favoured among simplelifers at the turn of the cen-

test. "You've all eating meet", be exclaimed reproachfully, in his than, piping voice, and then got up and made off.

tarians positively blushed, and some of the butchers smiled Sine: Before the diners finally dispersed, it was agreed that it due course another banque

### The gun the British Army would like for Christmas

gun trials in the United States same guns and ammunition the nail-biting Christmas number of senior officers Moreover. London. The trials have been designed to belp the United States Army choose a gun for its next main battle tank—still officially known only by its grim, grey code number XM-i. ess officially, the judgment of German gun. Washington could influence the chape of a number of If this happened, with two of other Nato tanks too, including the successor to Britain's present Chieftain If a British

Britain, the United States and West Germany, Nato's main tank-producing nations. have been taking part in the triads while the French have observers attended as observer special invitation. The have submitted 120mm smooth bore gun which, come what may, is being fitted to their next tank the Leopard-2. The Americans have contributed their Britist a range of improved American ummunition. Britain meanwhile has offered the new M13-1. a

gun wins the American con-

tract this should present no

problem. But it is by no means certain that it will.

el—and an advance upon the 120mm gun currently fitted to the Chieftain tank. In the second or third week in January, by which time they should have assessed results of the trials at en proving ground is 1d, the United States army will make its recommendation to Mr. Harold Brown, at least taking some American Secretary. Mr Brown is due to make his own recommendation to Congress about the end of the month, and then the final American decision will be

For sound commercial reaons Britain would like either gun to win the contract. In this she may have an ally in Congress. Thanks to the sceptiism of Congressmen who are army to invest in a more expensive gun than it has, the first 1.100 or so of the 3,300 KM-1s will have to be fitted with 105s anyway. The present dilemma concerns the choice The trials have been held to determine which of the guns can best penetrate modern at a standard Nato target con-sisting of a 150mm thick sheet of steel. Then they were fired, at a Nato "sandwich.", consisting of two thin and one thick sheets together. Finally the

guns were tried against two special armour targets, details while a computer translated kind of range that tanks would actually fire at in wartine. The British Army would like one of the two British-designed guns to win for other than purely commercial or nationa-listic reasons. It is philosophically committed to the rifled partly because it is more versa-tile and partly because its cheaper—which is an impor-tant consideration in peace-time. The Germans are equally determined to press the case for a smoothbore solution.

The Americans, too, tend to be in favour of rifled barrels for their tank guis. But British is worried that however well its own new gun has performed in the trials, the final decision may depend upon a political argument.
Harold Brown might accept the
point that the Americans
should choose the German
solution because the United States Seventh Army is sand-wiched between the German

former - international

of Norfolk.

jumper and a winner of the Queen Elizabeth Cup, has a special interest in the cathe-

dral. It was founded by her grandfather, the fifteenth Duke

The Romans are particularly

that · fashionable · Congress too might be swaved over to the West. with the Germans buying, say, their next fighter aircraft from the United States choosing the

her allies adopting the same smoothbore gun, Britain would under strong pressure to follow their example and standardize on the German solution. Militarily the Army is convinced that this would the Government might put for overruling the generals.

when the British Army is considering its own next main battle tank, so far known as MBT-80, which will be needed to replace the Chieftain between 1985 and 1990. Ori Britain and Germany committed to building their next tank together. but the lapsed earlier this year for a number of reasons, leaving Britain to go it alone, or to There are several options efore the Ministry of before the Ministry of Defence One is to buy a new the allies perhaps the ard-2 or the XM-1. I tish M13-A gun for XM-1 Britain might well come to terms on a trade-off, purchasing the XM-1 with the British gun or

At present all that the Brision on its own gun once the conclusion in the spring. Then can concentrate upon the kind of tank it needs to carry that gun. A decision on the final concept should be ready by the end of 1978. If Britain is forced to go it alone entirely, she will concentrate on an evolutionary development of the current Chieftain—or the Shir Iran, the tank which the Royal Ordnance Factories are currently building for the Shah-

Britain's reputation for designing tank guns has been their elderly M.48 Patton tanks with the 105 as a temporary expedient until the Partons are replaced—by the XM-1 in the United States and the Leopard-2 in Germany. By 1981 about 87 per cent of Nato tanks will

be fixted with the 105. Ironscally Britain is the country which has spoiled this apparent stan-dardization by fitting the 120mm to the Chieftain. But it is the future which bothers Britain. A basic diffi-culty is that the British Army is a small one-tank army, buy-ing a mere 900 or so tanks every 20 years. The Americans by contrast have 10,000 tanks. and the West Germans have nearly '4,000 and both have two kinds of tanks in their armies, replacing one of them every 10 years or so. As a result Britain, despite all the expertise in the field, is beginning to feel squeezed between them, with a daminishing voice where riational interests are might relief over their port and nuts this Ciristness that they have an important and perhaps difficult year shead.

Henry Stanbope Defence Correspondent

# Politicians can do us a favour by playing the fool

professional non-experts—poli at less one member just now ticians and journalists. Some if it did.) I shall not even have politicians, I realize, may think it disrespectful to their high less MP of threatening to calling to couple it in this way bring down my leaders in with that of the mere government, if they are not with that of the mere government, if they are not is that it should be in an a scribbler. Yet I do not mean to more responsive to my in which the expert, as the I am only too aware how far

my scope for the grand decision fails short of theirs. down a pay norm, pur my that you have a diffident foot neighbour's taxes up or down, on the rung of a ladder or despatch a gunboat. I shall climbed by Defoe, Addison and not get on an aeroplane to Johnson when you might have not get on an aeroplane to Johnson when negotiate in darkest Africa, been scramble and I am not able, as Dr Owen greasy pole? is, to choose (if I like, which I There is, in do not) to transform overnight. by a flick of an official phrase, terrorist guerrillas into Libera-tion i orces. I do not even have to stomach my squemishness in the national interest and talk

I hall never be able to sumthe moment of victory, nor slip despite away from its back door in the tween t

said to me) that I have given a it is that of the non-expers—a Cambridge College to a retired quality which is both increas-Cambridge College to a retired political opponent. Nor, will the ingly bench of bishops ever owe any-thing to me for its composi-

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sion fails short of theirs. 'my calling in the ultimate
Never can I tell my officials scheme of things. After all,
to draft a law; never can I lay what is it to be able to say been scrambling up Disraeli's There is, in any case, a very

All this is simply to say that I recognize the limitations of

temperament of the natural tician. The simplest way I know of expressing the difference is that the politician, I hall never be able to sum-making statements, whereas mon trade unionists to No. 10 the journalist, even when he to settle a strike over sand- seems most assertive is usually wiches and scotch and I shall asking questions, if only to neither stand at the front dour himself. Yet the strong simi-of that desirable residence in larities are also real and make use of the other for dif-

I shall never be able to say if ferent ends, there is also a (and how I should like to be great deal of reciprocal underable to say it, in the way that it has been prime ministerially one single attribute they share

rare and increasingly It is a faculty all too rarely

### Ronald Butt

exercised. Yet how important it childhood, it was the fa strument of the state and the mine remain in situ thanks to borough, has taken over so much of the citizen's private business from him.

Take, for instance; high-rise flass: 15 years ago I would hore friends by going on abour what would befall and lo, it so befell. The same was true about some fashions in educa-tion (including the look-say reading method) which did so much harm before it became respectable to question them. For if there is one thing I have learnt about experts it is that the only people whom they consider fit to question their ex cathedra judgments is themselves after they have changed their minds and when the damage has been done. Has not the whole educationscene been so windswept in experts' fushions that

even Mrs Williams and Mr Callaghan have felt obliged to when the fashion was at its height—which was when the correction of their non-expert political voice was

Sugar and spice

If I am to believe my eyes (though who can believe what

during this season of mulled good will?) we have on our hands... a. backlash against women's lib. The conference of

women's life. The conterence of the British Psychological Society, which ended in London on Tuesday night, appeared to indicate that there is something of a revolt against such libertarian views.

My reporter discovered in

the "murky undergrowth of university psychology depart-ments" (his words, nor mine) that a small animal is suffing.

about. When this creature

emerges into the daylight, it is

seen to be distinctly porcine and to possess a discernibly chauvinistic glint in its beady

and all things

psychological

The same principle can be applied to medicine. In my

Nor do I suggest that every man should build his own house or teach his own child. and my own perseverence in sticking an unpleasant brushful of iodine paint down my chil-

dish throat daily. But no one dish threast dany. But no one takes tonsils out with such carefree shandon today, any more than denniers still pull out mouthfuls of perfect teeth, condemned for promittee, to cure some quite different sort of bodily ill. Fashtons change, and the dangers children now face are

of other sorts, such as whooping cough vaccine and innumerable antibiotics (with incal-culable side-effects) for sore throats once dealt with by a couple of asparais and a day or two in bed. But whatever the current cure, for young or old, it is always in every generation prescribed with the same cer-tainty with which beeches were once applied. The latest medi-

callaghan have felt obuged to have a great debate about where it has all been leading us? Yet I fear they would found not to work or to never have dared to have it produce what are how poshly a fashion was at its called istrogenic illness. t the You may ask by now, what all expert this has to do with journalism thost and politics. Well, some of these things are no more than parables. I do not propose that the layman should trespass on

But the broad point remains. Our lives increasingly fall into the hands of experts, whether it is the educationist (so seldom en actual teacher), the psychologist (who has a beady psychologist (who has a beady or conditioning your chief in what he children to produce the night should learn to do stilles and sort of inhabitants for his to say no on small matters as brave new world), the nown planner, the family planner, the family planner. Indeed, it is not on the sorther composts in the ministrative matters that he is most often helpless. If he tells their composts in the ministry, because that is no increasingly up what his party conference has to the ordinary chap, or his told him to do they which the ters which are the larger part

So it is also increasingly up to the ordinary chap, or his agent, to guard agents: the fashion of today which the

reverse tomorrow without admitting any mistake. And who is to be the agent of the ordinary chap? Apart from the journalist, with his hit and miss, approach, there is only the politicism whose suvaluable saexpertise deserves a bit of bolssering. For mexpertise is not precisely the aspect of his craft of which he is proddest. Indeed, when he becomes the minister for this or that, he speaks as thought

expect he is speaking to at the moment. The politician, how-ever, is not used to feeling foolish even when he is. The dignity of Parliament and of Whitehall hangs about him like a chain of office As spokesman for the experts, how hard it is for him to criti-

his officials. He should set a high claim, on the citizen's behalf, for his mexpertise. In the 12 days of Christmas the jester used to have a special licence to contradict the King but the politician is licensed, if he will, to dispute with the mandarius for whole 12 months

### THE TIMES DIARY/PHS

#### In vino (very) veritas

think. This may be ungram-

matical, but I am sure you get

During this season of mervithey called it "dinner".

The results of a survey Oxford show, I am told, that teenage girls are almost as criminal as boys, but they get away with more because of their flaxed curis and lisping voices. (I could have told you that without conducting a survey in Oxford.)

Even more galling for the romen's lib movement is the finding that girls are not even sufficiently original to develop their own approach to crime. The report suggests that they shamefacedly copy their male

A study from London Univer-Off-colour film sity (low-brow, but no less valid) indicates that women teachers in pointary schools think that their girl pupils are "nicer, brighter and better behaved than the boys." The girl pupils, in turn, feel that "Miss" is nicer than the boys

ment, it was good to see yester-day that William Hickey (dis-guised as Peter McKay) and Nigel Dempster (disguised as a diarist) got their teams together at Scribes (a Fleet Street-let us be frank-booting club) for a Christmas Iuncheon-chough

Admiring, as they all did, the wines, Mr Hickey called for a

jeroboam of champagne. Mine host, Jeffrey Van Hay, late of El Vino (where he took a strong line against women who sought to drink at his bar) produced a splendid biggy of the bubbly My colleagues McKay: and Dempster, both declared that it was a superb vintage and only looked marginally abashed when Mr Van Hay explained that the brew was not champagne at all, but a half and half mixture of lager and tap water.

This young lady is not, as you British fascist who has allowed her political passions to go to her head. Hers is a case of

fever and not fervour. I am assured that the Fevertester, the piece of film strip she is using, is usurping liquid crystals displace the mercury column of old.

If the N turns blue and the F turns pink at one and the same time, you can bundle the protesting child off to school because she is just a borderline If the P turns dreen, you

have a fever case on your hands, and up to bed she goes, Christmas or no Christmas.



The case of the fortunate bishop More than £70,000 was raised by an addition of antiques held by Lady Sarah Fitzalan-Howard at Acundel Castle, Lady Sarah,

Monsignor Cormac Murphy O'Connor, the former rector of the English College in Rome who was consecrated as Bishop of Arundel and Brighton yesternew bishops. He is not taking over a cathedral that is falling about his ears.

But it was a closerum thing.

Two years ago, there were great worries in the diocese about a mounting repair bill. The kitty was empty, and 2300,000 was needed.
However, the bishop's predecessor, Archbishop Michael Bowen, now of Southwalk, set admirable precedent bishops who move on to bigger things. The day before he took

lucky in the present generation of Fitzakan Howards. The present Duke of Norfolk is chairman of the appeal for Westminster Cathedral which has so far achieved £979,747 of a film appeal Tuesday night's concert in the cathedral attended by the Prince of Wales should help a bit. Every seat in the cathedral was sold. over his new post, the full amount was paid off.

#### The way to the top: a reply

The union to which I belong, the National Union of Journa-lists, has taken me to task for lists, has taken me to task for a comment that appeared in the Diary recently. It is was to the effect that, largely because of the NUJ, a bright boy could no longer—to use a naval expression which arose from the context of the inem—come smalph through the hawse pipe to an editional chair.

The union's reply is interesting, even to the nandournalistic public, and I give it withour comment because it needs none:

In 1965, the newspaper pro-prietors and the NUJ jointly signed an agreement limiting people to the editorial staffs of national newspapers. This was done for two good reasons: to protect the pay and conditions of NUI members which is a suion and to protect the public. Reeders of The Times would

not read their feith in the accuracy of the newspaper for very long it in small were composed of unhanced journalists."

#### One Celestial riddle solved

Until I get round to unitabling the mystery of the Marie Celeste, you must be satisfied with my solving of the myster's of the Melodia Celesic. I can reveal, enclusively, that she does not exist, and never has existed. She does, however, live in an impressive house in London, NW3.

If you have never heard of Middane Celeste, it is because you have been careless enough not to have seen the Parlow Quartet, purveyors (in authentic style) of Victorian songs, under the patronage of the elocementioned lady. Her name appears on all the quarters

monium which stands; sullenly, m the house of two of the group, the husband and wife parmership of Robert Carpen-ter Turner and Maureen Keetch. It was there amount the aspidistras, that Mr Car-penter Turner, under releatless interrogation, disclosed to me that Madesne Celegro as none other than his next-door neighbour, the mezzo Angele Vernou Batos, who is no more the quan-

She can be seen, our veying not songs but hance sees, at Wigmere Hall near Topicday

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### AN UNBALANCED CRITICISM

Adelbert Weinstein, our most important European engine has depended heavily Defence Correspondent of the partners will be asked to bear a upon British expertise.

Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung larger share of the burden In Moreover it borders upon described Britain, in an article other directions too, notably the this week, as the weakest link in EEC, they have felt themselves the Western alliance. It was to be unduly, pur upon Like the "almost grotesque" he said, that "ugly American" who not so the British should strive to play long ago wandered in bewilder. Ing, in a joint European prothe big number two? in Nato ment round an ungrateful gramme for the procurement of while contributing so little. Even Europe, they have found their the American AWACS. British's after allowing for some journa-patience wearing thin. To this, decision to do so was largely the respectance of listic hyperbole that is a charge extent Herr Weinstein's protest

and needs answering. We have ourselves criticized Britain's defence effort during the past few years; both in terms of the diminished defence budger and the directions in which resources have been spent. Manpower is stretched to the limit, and sometimes beyond, in all three services, and our capacity for reinforcement in any long or even middling-length war, is dangerously low. The introduction of new equipment has been systematically delayed, and in some cases cancelled, with the inevitable result that existing systems are often outdated or in constant need of repair. There

prising that our allies are too. Nor is it surprising that the

which seems manifestly unjust reflects a general frustration more than anything else.

But he protests too much. To say that "it is alarming how little England does for Nato" is to forget that we still do quite a lor. We still for instance contribute Western Europe's largest navy and the only deep water navy of real consequence in Nato after the United States, nuclear-powered: submarines and substantial antisubmarine potential. Nearly three out of every four Nato-warships in the Eastern Arlantic belong to the Royal Navy:

The RAF has long been short that argument may now sound. of modern aircraft, but its short. Britain's contribution to Nato. constant need of repair. There, of modern aircraft, but its short, have too been cases where bad decisions have led to mediocre performances, and the tale of the L-60 engine in the Chieftain tank greying round the temples, but its listelf a sorry one.

If we in Britain are conscious of these deficiencies it is not sur-of the deficiency of the following the lates are the also worth pointing to the bene selves as others, see us, and it

Moreover it borders upon the absurd to criticize Britain, as he does, for going it alone in the production of an amborne early warning aircraft instead of joinprompted by the reluctance of European powers, including West Germany, to commit themselves in other than principle to

the joint procurement project.
Nor should the contribution of BAOR be inderestimated, or Britain's commitment to Nato's Northern flank. BAOR has its problems, but it remains a well-motivated, professional force and the maintenance of the 1st British Corps on foreign soil is no small burden on Britain's resources, despite German offset agreements. Britain does after all still devote a larger share of its GNP to defence than does West Germany however overworked

Nor is it surprising that the tits which the German aerospace, would be foolish to reject. Germans are the most concerned. industry has received by its criticism when it comes. But we Any apparent falling-off in the involvement in such a collaborate have a right to protest when that level of Britain's contribution tive project although the criticism seems unbalanced and gives rise to fears that they, as idesign of both airframe and unfair. Lineal College of

#### Bradenika paospaté SMALL STEPS IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

exchange controls announced described as particularly ments this year and the amount yesterday are just about the generous But then the EEC is of foreign currency the Governless the Government could get the area when it comes to over ment feels it prudent in put least the Government could get away with, though that does not, seas investment and the alleged away for the substantial ever-of course, make them any the "export of jobs" that the TUC seas debt repayments that fall less welcome. Britain, while not the only EBC country to behave in this way, has consistently dragged its feet on its obligations to liberalize its controls over outward capital investment into other Community countries. surrender rule on overseas port our gross, reserve posit This has been fully understand- folio investment has, for adminibalance of payments deficit. But, beyond EEC securities and is to Even so, it still seems likely now that the balance of payments need tound surrender has in effect acted as could accommodate an increase dramatically, though one could an additional tax on investors in the amount of official buying overseas securities and make significant qualifications buying overseas securities and exchange made available for about the quality of that turn-greatly impaired the effective pressure investment at least round, the Government is still treading extremely gingerly; they might well have preferred to have done nothing at all had there not been considerable pressure from Brussels for at .. least some first steps to be

The easing of the very tight

The modest relaxations in EEC countries can hardly be the trend in the balance of payhas been most concerned about.

The concessions over portfolio investment are little more generous. But there has a supply that large part of them and been the welcome spin off that large part of them and the abolition of the 25 per cent sure that our net, as opposed to the abolition of overseas port our gross, reserve position is put offenser footing. ness of our overseas portfolioinvestment by making it penal direct investment in industrial for investors to switch from one and commercial assets. What is stock to another in attempts to improve portfolio performance. This is a good move.

The major question now is

whether the Government should strong further relaxations of contemplate further relaxations direct impacts the contemplate further relaxations direct impacts the contemplate further relaxations of the contemplate existing regulations over the o the controls over outward, availability of official currency investment in the months ahead. for direct investment in other. A great deal clearly depends on desirable

seas debt repayments that fall due over the next few years. Some of these debts could be relied forward but there must be

Overseas myesmen likely to determine the situation one way or the other will be the strength of sterling. If sterling remains reasonably direct investment may be expected; they are certainly

#### APARTHEID IN AUSTRALIA?

The views of the Minister- the population, to only 13 per clect for Veterans Affairs in . Australia upon South African - prevent them becoming a threat racial policies were well known to the white minority. By con-to the press and those who con-trast in Australia there are only to the press and those who consort with him, and his ill-advised gaffe over apartheid can only prompt surprise that Mr Fraser blood in a population of nominated Senator Sheil for 14 million whites. They have office. Mr Fraser, however, still has to find jobs for members of the Country Party, the dwindling other leg of the traditional Liberal-CP coalition. It is drooping at the polls and Mr Fraser's big majority makes him increasingly independent of it. But the Senator also represents Ouecosland, which is firmly in the grip of right-wing men and right-wing measures. Mr Fraser needs to work with the states. and has to oblige-even appease -Mr Bjelke-Petersen, the Gueensland premier, who is by

The Senator returns obscurity. But his point about extending apartheid to the Australian aborigines—if they want it, he carefully added deserves consideration. The racial balance in Australia and South Africa are of course totally unalike. South African apartheid is intended to restrict citizenship of the blacks, who constitute over 70 per cent of South Africans of all races may

far the most difficult.

cent of the land, in order to 50,000 full-blooded aboriginals and 100,000 aboriginals of mixed reserves larger in area than the United Kingdom, and one of Mr Whitlam's achievements was to give them full land rights and self-rule in these, as well as a, pledge to make the Northern Territory itself a state, in which: aborigines would have the preponderant vote and voice if they, chose to use them. - h ::

Australia has made belated amends for its past inhuman treatment of the aboriginal people. But it is almost too late. The remaining tribal aborigines. may preserve some of their traditional life style in the reserves, but those in the cities mostly live in appalling conditions, and efforts to rehabilitate them have only succeeded in patches and partially and Oueensland's record is by far-the worst. The South African solution, which would be to force them all into the reserves, would, besides being inhuman, violate. Australia's basic liberties which garage and selection of the

einsyre oggilot well envy. But now even the tribal aboriginals face a poten tially lethal interference with their cultural privacy if mining rights are granted to the great uranium concerns.

The fact sticks out that Euro-

peans and aborigines think, feel, live and survive in different and irreconcilable ways, it has taken a long time for Australians (and not all) to accept aboriginal culture as a wonderful human achievement, not inferior but only different to the European culture which, complete with missionary insensitivity, has almost destroyed it. The world is only newly aware of the debts and obligations it owes to its "primitives", not all of whom require to be upgraded and developed ". If some kind of voluntary self-isolation by the tribal aborigines was possible in an adequate that is, largeliving-space to preserve their, primordial way of life, it ought to be accepted, whether labelled apartheid, conservation or museumization ". If the Senator was saying only that, he was not much out of line with current anthropological thinking. South Africa is quite a different business.

From Mr Michael Duggan Sir, Your view, expressed once rgain in your leading article of December 15, that a closed shop for journalists could pose a threat to press freedom, is one that a reason-able man might conceivably hold.

Strike by journalists

However, the headline you put on it-" Winning a bartle for press freedom"-implies an interpreta-tion of the motives of Westminster Press management on which grave doubts must be cast by the events of the past week.

Throughout the Darlington dis-pute, Westminster Press has maintained that if the journalists wanted a closed shop to improve wages and conditions, then it was willing to talk about wages and conditions, but would not yield a closed shop because that would threaten press

freedom In the past few days this position has been put to the test with so far disappointing results. In two rounds of talks Westminster Press has made no firm offer which would bring its journalists' wages anywhere near those on comparable newspapers in the North East.

They have even had the gall to offer, as part of the latest proposals, a one off payment of £5 to all journalists if the relaunched papers achieve 91 per cent of their previous circulation, to be followed by a further £5 for each further percentage point up to 110 per cent. That is the kind of value Westmineter Press places od the lovaty of the people who work for it. No one has revealed whether the £5 would be repayable if the circulation falls back again.

There is still room for more talks and it is to be hoped that the firm may yet put its money where its mouth is. ans di 🗸 Yours faithfully,

MICBAEL DUGGAN, Father of the Joint Chapels, Joint Chapels Strike Headquarters, 9 Victoria Road, Darlington, County Durham, December 16.

#### Everest without oxygen

From Mr Nigel Situell

Sir, Your report on Reinhold Messner's adventurous plan to climb Everest without oxygen (December 16) meurious Colonel Norton's achievement in reaching 28,126 feet in 1924. But many of your readers will remember Eric Shipton's 1933 climb when he and Frank Smythe reached nearly 28,000 feet on the north face, without oxygen.

Many of us recall the curious (and perhaps unfair) manner in which he was deprived of the leadership of the ultimately successful Everest climb partly because of his dislike of the fashionable dependence on oxygen.

Eric Shippon, who sadly died in March this year, would be excited by the Messner-Habler plan, and vindicated if it should be successful. Yours sincerely, NIGEL STIWELL 243 King's Road, SW3.

December 16.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From Mr Dennis F. Orme

Sir, The recent set of articles by

#### Peace talks in the Activities of the Unification Church Middle East

From Rabbi Sidney Brichto
Sir, It is difficult to understand why
in your leader "Mr Begin makes his
move" (December 19) you write that "negotiations between Israel and Egypt are now running like a fast. train towards an unpredictable distortion. This gives a grand total designation. The destination is of 72 out of 200 sentences of compredictable enough. It is a complete peace between Israel and her neighbouring Arab countries. Should Syria and other Arab countries. reject proposals for peace which Egypt feels just she will make peace on her own in the knowledge that

the others will ultimately follow whatever the leader writer of The Times, may feel about the acceptability of Begin's peace offer or however the PLO or the rejectionists regard Sadat's peace initiative, the fact remains that Istael and Egypt, have decided to make peace and fact remains that lattel and Egypt, have decided to make peace and under the leadership of Sadat and Begin, nothing is likely to stop them from achieving their goal. Our inability to believe that the dove of peace which has eluded the grasp of all world statesmen for 30 years can now within months be brought home to roost by these two men, indicates that we have missed the underlying basis of the present initiative which is the desire to keep Russian influence out of the Middle East. Sadat decided on direct to the middle East. Sadat decided on direct to the middle East. Sadat decided on direct to the middle East. Sadat decided on direct the middle East. negotiations with Israel when he saw that even the United States perhaps for reasons of determs policy, were keen on giving the USSR some face saving role in the arrangement for the forthcoming Geneva Conference. Egypt, like Israel, has no desire for its country to be an arrange of portion politics.

to be an arena of power politics between the two super powers. There is now great hope that Sadat will achieve the peace be wants, and will have the full, if quiet support of Saudi Arabia, the Gulf States and Inches the control of Saudi Arabia, the Gulf States and Inches the Colf States and Jordan, who no more want a Russian financed and armed PLO state dian does Egypt.
"Is it possible that" for the first

time in centuries the future of the Middle East will be determined not by foreign powers but by the governments of the peoples who actually inhabit the area? President Sadar has proved that he has the personal courage to win for his country and the freedom of self determination. The victory of Sadar's initiative will assure autonomy for all peoples in the area including the Palestinians.
You't faithfully SIDNEY BRICHTO.

The Montagu Centre, 109 Whitfield Street, WI. December 20, 

#### Observer 'appointment. From Mr John Torode

Sir, One of our leading national newspapers has just been placed under the editorial control of an unpredictable, foreign politician.

(The fact that he is an attractive, itself the control of the control intellectually, stimulating, foreign politician is neither here nor there.) His appointment follows the purchase of a controlling interest in that paper by an American owned, oil based, multipational. Am, I alone in thinking that a dangerous and disturbing precedent has been set? Yours sincerely, JOHN TOROBE, 25 Platt's Lane, NW3. December 22

#### The way we vote

The way we vote

From Miss Enid Lakeman

Sir, George Batchinson (December,
17) (and presumably Mrs. Thatcher),
wants to prevent extremists from
winning the tiny number of seets
proportional to their present support. So what does he propose? To
cling to our existing electoral system
which, if the extremists reach, say,
the present level of support of the
SNP in Scotland, could give them a
large majority of seats.
Yours faithfully,
ENID LAKEMAN, Director.

ENID LAKEMAN, Director, The Electoral Reform Society, 6 Chancel Street, Southwark, SE1: December 19.

#### Saving the Mostyn Flagons

From Mr Robert Rowe Sir, May I refer to the letter from Mr Arthur Grimwade of Christie's written-from the Garrick Club. He seems to infer, in listing other silver flagors of the Elizabethan period in this country, that the Reviewing Committee on the Export of Works of Art should not have advised the Minister for the Arts to withhold the export licence for the Mostyn Flagons to allow time for British public collections to offer to buy them. I would like to declare an interest in that I represent one of the art museums trying to save these beautiful things for the na ...The Reviewing Committee work strictly to the criteria of the Waverley Committee, namely:

1. Is the object so closely connected with our history and national life that its departure would be a

2. Is it of ourstanding aesthetic

3. Is it of outstanding significance for the study of some particular branch of art, learning or history? Their advice to withhold the export licence for the Mostyn Flagous for three months until January 5

mittee may not conclude that an ex-

our country.
Yours faithfully,

ROBERT ROWE,

December 19.

1978 was based squarely on these criteria. Criteria.

I suggest, therefore, that Mr Grimwade has miesed the point conplenely. There is more than one Michelangelo in the world. There are a number of fine paintings by Stubbs and more by Gainsborough in this country still, but this does not mean that the Reviewing Comimpression that we were the victims of a spiteful joke.

port licence should be withheld, for a limited period, if a particularly fine painting by one of these artists should come before them: The object of export control is quite simply to my and prevent the best of our heritage from leaving Director of Art Galleries,

Are not words of truth like a rod of iron? Will the twentieth century scribes and pharisces, the sophisticated and well educated lift them-

Diana Patt on the Unification Church and Swa Myung Moon leaves much to be desired. Accord-ing to our initial analysis there are 21 factual errors, 43 errors of dis-tortion and 18 errors of malicious arrogance of mind changed over the centuries—I fear not. ment or description that are untrue. misleading or distorted. This gives a ratio of bias of one dishonesty per 2.7 sentences. Unfortunately this represents a consistent and high degree of bias, We are not

talking about one or two mistakes in an otherwise reasonably and accurate article. Some of the accusations are gross and malicious that I find it But first he must be persecuted.

a disturbing reflection on the quality of an erstwhile serious newspaper. However we live in an age when tyrannical and bloody dictators are advertised as men of peace. The Times has advertised a terrible tyrant, Kim Il Sung the mass murderer, as a respectable policical leader.

Now assuming there are unfortunately such gross acts of dishonesty perpetrated in the name of Godless materiolism. I am not surprised that The Times could not raise its standards to deal with a fur more exciting and interesting the same. for more exciting and interesting phenomenon—The Return of the

of the Second Advent.

This remarkable day is described in the Bible as a great and terrible day. As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the days of the son of man, they did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage. "Can we hoose that a superficial civilization, with a superficial press, will have the depth, the prayerful-

ness, the gernle purity of heart, to see God manifest in man. Only the pure in heart shall see God, and where, oh, where is that purity in Fleet Street? Turning back to these days of glory for God, it says Saran will be loosed upon the Earth. Promiscuity and permissiveness and violence will cover the Earth es in the days preceding Noah. Those standing against the trendy lifties, the sexy. ties will surely be mocked. But let it, be clearly said, the Unification Church led by Sun Myung Moon stands resolutely against evil, gentle stands resolutely against evil, gentle in heart, but fiercely determined not to be found wanting in these end days. It is the nurpose of all Christians to build His Kingdom on the Earth. Shall we be found doing this when Christ returns? "Lead us not into temptation." Perhaps we are building a world of temptation to ensuare our youth?

The Unification Church is in the tradition of revealed religion and in particular Christianity. Its tenets are revealed in The Divine Principle by "Sun Myung Moon and are of

by Sun Myung Moon and are of deep and lasting interest to all serious Christians The teaching serious Christians. The teaching deals directly with many trouble-some religious questions such as: Why did God punish Abraham's descendants so severely? Why did nescendams so several? Why do John the Bartist deny what Jesus said of him, that he was the Ehjah? Why is the Old Testament so im-portant in building God's Kingdom ou the Earth? Was Jesus in the Adamic position? What was the Adamic position? Will the last Adam be born on the Earth? Will Adam be born on the Earth? Will he be a man born of a woman? Will he come as a thief in the night or in full view on the clouds? By whose authority will he come? Will he come with the authority of The Times Newspapers, the Roman Catholic Church or the Church of England? Or will he only have the authority of God, like Jesus and John the Baptist? How will he

rule the world? With a rod of iron? selves above God and pass judgment on this pure-hearted man? Naturally with their cleverness of mind they will pass judgment on him as they do on all things. Has man's

But for those who can love ... for these who can "Love one another as I have loved you", no matter race, religion or creed, there is hope. For those who can first love this most beautiful man, this great enemy of Satan, this man who would deliver us oll if we could but love as he loves, then there is great inv to behold, the Lumb of God, the King of Kings. For love has always preceded truth and Jesus's commandments remain hinding law upon all who profess

Will he find frith on Earth? Those who mistreated Jesus were ever to regret that they had spat and cursed an innocent man. He didn't brainwash the fishermen but said "Follow me". For those who live in this end time the choice remains

Contrary to what most Christians believe Jesus was a difficult man to love. He embraced the rejected, the unloveable so many times. If today you embraced a South African, a Vienamese. CIA worker, the wrath of the self-righteous would surely be yours, as it would be if elso you stretched forth the hand of love to the helpless, hated and

disgraced President Nixon.
The Unification Church talks about a Lord of the Second Advent. There is a distinct difference between a second Christ and a second coming. The second coming is traditionally part of Christianity Revelation iii, 12 expressly states "and I will write upon him my own new name." Revelution xii. 5 states "she brought forth a male

Most Christians are totally unprepared for the Second Advent. He will come not to follow but to fulfil the law. He will come to fulfil the Will of Almighry God. Most people want Jesus to polish their own haloes not to cleanse them of sin, of prejudice and bigotry, of narrowness of heart. Unless you could truly love as Jesus loved, it was most difficult to be with him, as the rich man found and so many others. Only a church full-hearted in fulfilling the Lord's Prayer will be acceptable to him when he comes. Scientifically there are only two

possible solutions to whether or not Sun Myung Moon is the Lord of the Second Advent. Either he is or he isn't. It is not a matter of public opinion, personal preference or theological belief. Eirber God. has anointed him or not Jesus questioned his own disciples on this point only Peter could answer satisfactorily. (Matthew xvi, 16). It is just as likely that many Christians will not know the time of their visitation. In the days of the prophets it was just the same, they were stoned and rejected.

This last year 55 theologians and scholars visited the Unification Theological Seminary, where incidentally, all the major denominations are represented on the teaching faculty,

There is only sadness that The Times could not see and could not represent other than its own iniquity. DENNIS F. ORME, Director, Unification Church, 43, 44 Lancaster Gate, W2. December 20.

#### Motorway inquiries From Mr Paul Sieghart

Sir. In your issue for December 10. you published a report of a decision of the High Court in a case called Bushell v Secretary of State for the Environ The gist of that decision is that

the rules of natural justice do not apply to a public inquiry into a road scheme promoted by a Minister (such as a motorway): only-apply where the scheme is one promoted by someone else, such as a local authority. In particular, where the scheme is the Department's own, the Department may put in evidence documents about crucial issues, and prevent anyone from challenging that hearsay evi-dence by the simple expedient of failing to call any witness who could be cross examined about it: and the Minister, when deciding whether to go ahead with the scheme after the public inquiry, may take into account matters which were never put before the inquiry, and so could not be challenged or commented on by object-

I do not suppose I am alone in finding myself startled by that decision. In law, it must be either right or wrong. If it is wrong, the remedy would lie in the Court of

Appeal. But as the objectors lost, they will have to pay not only their own costs, but those of the Department too. I understand that they will therefore not be able to pay for an appeal, and so the decision will now go into the books and be treated as good law. Acand be treated as good law. Accordingly, the Department's Road Construction Units will henceforth be perfectly free to choose what evidence (right, wrong or dubious) they do or do not put before a public inquiry into one of their own schemes, and what other material (of like quality) they put before their Minister, in secret, after the inquiry is over and before he makes his decision.

On December 8, 1975, you were good enough to publish a letter of mine in which I said that it was no wonder that most objectors, even then, regarded motorway inquiries as "an expensive farce". Is it too much to hope that, now that the High Court has endorsed their view Parliament will at last be impelled to do something about it? If it does not, one can hardly expect the citi-zen to go on believing for much longer in just administration under

PAUL SIEGHART. 6 Gray's Inn Square, WC1.

#### Bus services From Mrs I. S. Jacobs

Sir, The assumption by the Chief Executive of the National Bus Company is that competition would be a bad thing (The Times, December 10). But would it? I remember the days when Thomas Tilling & Co competed with the London General Omnibus Co and the good humour of London bus drivers and con-ductors was proverbial. Whereas, today. I would cite the following not untypical incident, which left about a dozen people waiting to board a No 13 bus in the bus yard at Golders Green, London, with the

At about 11.20 am on Thursday, December 8, three or four un-attended No 13 buses are standing in the neighbourhood of the nav ment bearing the standard labelled 13. Some of the waiting passengers seat themselves in the bus nearest payement and the standard. Others form a ragged queue and, if anyone wearing London Transport uniform passes near, ask him which is the next bus due out, to be answered, if at all, with a surug of the shoulders and perhaps, a "don't

Suddenly, some of us become aware that a driver (presumably accompanied by a conductor) has materialized and pulled himself rapidly into the driving seat of a No 13 standing in the second row of buses at some distance from the bus stop. Some of us try to make our way in his direction. But few of us are sufficiently mobile. I myself have arthritis. Swiftly the driver pulls away and the No 13 bus sails out of the yard, almost empty. Yours faithfully,

ISABEL S. JACOBS, 27 Asmuns Hill, NW11. December 10.

#### Diplomatic standards

From Lord Greenhill of Harrow Sir, I am afraid that Sir K. Berrill's Think Tank will consider Sir David Hunt's record win in BBC's Mastermind as further evidence that the Diplomatic Service does work "to an unjustifiably high standard". Yours.

GREENHILL OF HARROW, House of Lords. December 21.

#### Future of the Moors murderers

From the Chairman of the Parole **Board** 

Sir, The article by Mr Bernard Levin in today's (December 21) issue of *The Times* seems likely to add to the confusion about the future treatment of the Moors murderers. Since this may in part derive from some rather untidy reporting of my unswers to questions at a press conference in Newcastle last October, I feel some obligation to make the facts clear.

Neither Miss Hindley nor Mr Brady will be formally reviewed

next year to decide whother they may be released on licence—in other words, their cases will not in 1978 go through the standard process which begins with consideration by the Local Review Committee in the prison, and includes an interview with a member of that committee if the prisoner so wishes. All that will happen next year is that the joint committee of Parole Poard and Home Office representatives which recommends the timing of reviews for all life sentence prisoners will consider whether the time is ripe to fix a date for a formal review for Miss Hindley and Mr Brady.

Yours faithfully, LOUIS PETCH, Chairman, Parole Board, Queen Anne's Gate, SW1. December 21.

#### From the Secretary of the Method'st

Conference Sir, Mr Bernard Levin's article today (December 21) about whether Myra Hindley and Ian Brady should be released on parole is full of logic and sound sense. When, however in the final paragraph he complains about the silence of Church l on the subject his argument falters

It is indeed true that Christians believe that repentance and salva-tion are open to even the worst of sinners. But the argument to which Mr Levin objects, namely that M se Hindley never can purge her sin, itself springs directly from Christian teaching. None of us sinners can save ourselves: only Christ can.

Lord Longford has spoken out strongly but, Mr Levin asserts, he only represents " lay opinion". Why should it be assumed, however, that it is only appropriate for high placed clerics to "speak up for Christianity"? In all the Churches, leadership is shared by ordained and lay Christians.

It may be fairly assumed that "Archbishops and Cardinals" and their fellow leaders in the other Churches spend much of their time "speaking up for Christianity". But a Christian judgment depends not only on the faith of the one who makes facts relating to the matter under discussion. The matter under discussion in Mr Levin's article is the propriety of releasing two people who committed atrocious crimes. It is entirely appropriate for any done if the persons concerned have they can safely rejoin society. If the transformation is real, Christians will see it as the work of the Holy Spirit, even though the fact may be neither recognized nor acknowledged by others. It is equally appropriate to urge that fear of ignorant and emotive public reactions cheuld not deter those who tions should not deter those who have the responsibility of deciding. If that is what Mr Levin wants to hear churchmen saying then I for one am glad to be heard saying it.

But when it comes to making the actual decision the burden rests with those who have to assess the known facts about the present characters of the persons concerned. I use the word burden deliberately. We should be mindful of the responsibilities we place on the shoulders of others. and grateful to Mr Levin for trying to ensure that their task is not made impossibly difficult by attitudes in society which find no room for mercy or the possibility, of redemption.

Yours sincerely. KENNETH G. GREET, Secretary of the Methodist Conference, 1 Central Buildings, Westrainster, SW1. December 21.

#### From the same school

From The Chief Master of King Edward's School, Birmingham Edward's School, Birmingham
Sir, The Bishop of Norwich records a
notable record of three sitting
Bishops from Monkton Combe
School, King Edward's School can
almost compete: E. W. Benson
became Bishop of Truro in 1877 and
was Archbishop of Canterbury from
1882 to 1896; J. B. Lightfoot was
Bishop of Durham from 1879 to
1889; B. F. Westcott refused the
see of Lincoln in 1885 and of Norwich in 1889 but finally succumbed wich in 1889 but finally succumbed and accepted Durham in 1890.

Queen Victoria wanted Lightfoot. to move to London but Lord Salis-bury refused to approve the transla-tion ou the grounds "not only of his recent promotion but a much more serious one, arising from the Socialist tendency of the speeches he has made since he became a Bishop "

What I dare to suggest may be unique about our three Bishops is that they were all boys at King Edward's at the same time. Yours faithfully,

F. G. R. FISHER, King Edward's School, Birmingham.

#### The courteous gull From Mr James Lawley

Sir, With reference to Mr Dawson's letter of December 7, I'd like to say that, having watched gulls for years flying on and off the rugby posts on the school playing fields by our house, and having frequently seen them make unsuccessful attempts to dislodge incumbent birds, I must presume that either gulls in Birmingham are rather more uncouth than their London counterparts or that the etiquette required for a flagpole does not apply to a rugby post. Yours sincerely,

JAMES LAWLEY 29 Chamberlain Road, Kings Heath,



#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

December 21: His Excellency Mr Rashid Mohammed Al-Khater was received in audience by The Queen this morning and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extra-ordinary and Plenipotentiary from the State of Qatar to the Court of St. Islands.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy, who had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty: Mr Ahmed Al-Khal (Counsellor), Mr Ihrahim Al-Ajeil (First Secretary), Mr Mohamed Y. Jaida (Second Secretary) and Mr Ahmed Al-Muhanadi (Second Secretary).

Madame Al-Khater had the honour of being received by The

Sir Antony Duff (Deputy Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs), who had the honour of being received by Her Majesty, was present and the Gentlemen of the Household in Walting were in extendence.

His Excellency Monsieur Michel Koss Epangué and Madame Epangué were received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the United Republic of Cameroon to the Court of St James's.

Republic of Cameroon to the Court of St James's.

Her Majesty held a Council at 12.40 o'clock this afternoon.

There were present: the Right Hon Michael Foot, MP (Lord President), the Lord Peart (Lord Privy Seal), the Right Hon Samuel Silkin, MP (Attorney General), the Right Hon Michael Cocks, MP (Parliamentary Secretary: Treasury) and the Right Hon Walter Harrison, MP (Treasurer of Her Majesty's Household).

Mr Neville Leigh was in attend-Mr Neville Leigh was in attendance as Clerk of the Council.

The Right Hon Michael Foot, Mr, had an audience of The Queen before the Council.

Mr Charles Warner had the honour of being received by The Queen and took leave upon his retirement from service in the Royal Household as Serjeant-at-Arms to Her Majesty and Chief Accountant and Paymaster.

Arms to Her Majesty and Chief Accountant and Paymaster.

Miss Olive Short had the honoour of being received by The Queen and took leave upon her retirement from service in the Royal Household as Lady Clerk to the Ladies in Waiting, when Her Majesty invested her with the Insignia of a Commander of the Royal Victorian Order.

The Right Hon James The Right Hon James
Callaghan, MP (Prime Minister
and First Lord of the Treasury)

and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of The Queen this evening.

The Duke of Edinburgh. Colonel in Chief, today visited units of the 1st Battallon, The Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment (Berkshire and Witshire) in Glasgow and Greenock.

His Royal Highness, attended by Ligutenant-Commander

by Lieutenant-Commander Anthony Blackburn, RN, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight. The Prince of Wales this evening attended the Hospitals Christmas Carol Concert at the Royal Albert Hall in aid of the Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children

Birthdays today

Air Marshai Sir John Aiken, 56; Dame Peggy Ashcroft, 70; Dr Alan Bush, 77; Sir Diarmaid Conroy, 64; the Right Rev Cyril Eastaugh, 80; Air Marshai Sir Colin Hannah, 63; Air Vice-Marshal Sir Edgar Lowe, 72; Colonel W. H. Whitbread, 77.

Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh The following office bearers have been elected by the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh for the ensuing year:
Treasurer, Dr. J. C. Could: secretary, Dr. D. H. A. Boyal: realistar, Dr. Kugh Welled; honoracy librarian, Dr. C. H. Dividson: editor of publications, Dr. A. T. Proudfont.

#### Forthcoming marriages

Mr C. J. Baker and Miss A. E. S. Morris

The engagement is amounced between Christopher, only son of Mr and Mrs J. A. Baker, of Gloucester, and Anne, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs F. G. J. Morris, of Stockton-on-Tees.

Mr G. D. Bartholomew and Miss R. A. Henshaw

The engagement is announced between George, son of Mr J. H. Bartholomew, of Welwyn Garden City, and the late Mrs G. Bartholomew, and Rosemary, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. D. Henshaw, of Haywards Heath.

Mr N. Morgan and Miss J. Vigers and Miss J. Vigers
The engagement is announced between Nigel, son of Mr and Mrs J. R. Morgan, of Marlow House, Brightwell-cum-Sotwell, Oxfordshire, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. T. S. Vigers, of Stapleton's Chantry, North Moreton, Oxfordshire.

The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs H. M. Parsons, of Toy's Hill, Kent, and Linda, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. E. Nuthall, of Ashtead, Surrey.

Mr C. D. Steele and Miss C. M. Philpott and Miss C. M. Philpott
The engagement is announced between Christopher Drysdale, second son of the late Mr J. C. Steele and of Mrs P. L. Steele, of Cheadle, Cheshire, and formerly of co Down, and Christine Margaret, only daughter of Mr and Mrs B. A. Philpott, of Sale, Cheshire.

Mr M. Stephenson and Miss S. Clark and Miss S. Clark
The engagement is announced between Michael, only son of Mr and Mrs Arthur Stephenson, of Martiect Lane, Kingston upon Hull, East Yorkshire, and Sally, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Max Clark, of Newland Park, Kingston upon Hull, East Yorkshire.

The marriage took place in Kensington yesterday between Mr John Bleber, younger son of Mr and Mrs Alfred Bleber, and Miss

The marriage took place in Hong-kong on December 17, between Mr James Brice and Mrs Deborah Loeb Davies.

From the Science Research Council: 250,000 to Professor Robert Ramage, lointly with Professor J. S. Suther-land of Manchestry University, for studies in 136 nativer asspects reson-

Hers for research in mass spectrometry.

22.1.52 to Dr S. M. Davidson and Dr
C. Northrop. f. an analysis of
recombination mechanisms at dislocations of the proof of the p

From The Times of Monday, Dec 22, 1952

From Our United Nations Corres-

rom our other rations correspondent

New York, Dec 21.—A formal Russian complaint was lodged with the United Nations today about the "mass murder" of Communist prisoners of war in Korca, and the Assembly, which was to have adjourned tonight until February, is asked for urgent discussion of the matter before the recess. Mr Gromyko's move in the early hours this morning—it has all the look of a last-minute gesture from Moscow—is specifically directed to the latest disorders in which 84 prisoners were killed on Pongam Island by allied guards, and the Russian draft proposals have already been tabled which would have the Assembly "condemn these criminal acts by United States armed forces" and insist on immediate steps to punish the guilty and to put an end to such "brutalities".

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Marriages

Mr J. D. Bieber and Miss J. G. Lyons

Mr J. J. Brice and Mrs D. L. Davies

University news

25 years ago

### Art sales booming in US

By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent

Sale Room Correspondent
The big expansion of art auctioneering in North America is the
most outstanding feature of the
autumn turnover figures released
by Sotheby's and Christie's yesterday. The two London-based firms,
whose art auctions now span the
globe, reported their turnover
this; autumn up 21 per cent and
36 per cent respectively.

In the case of Christie's the
main reason for the increase lies
with the New York auction rooms,
which they opened last summer.

main reason for the increase lies with the New York auction rooms, which they opened last summer. Sales in New York contributed 53.4m this autumn to the world furnover of 528.8m; they held no sales in New York last year. In Sotheby's case the turnover of their New York and Los Angeles auction rooms this autumn is 62 per cent up on last year.

For both firms the increase in business achieved in the United Kingdom and other foreign centres is much more modest. The only exception is the expansion achieved by Christie's South Kensington, small in absolute value but large in percentage terms. This secondary London sale room concentrates on the lower end of the market but quick turn-round, and the volume of business is a half up on last year. The expansion of the New York market probably reflects two factors: a growing awareness of nuclous and preference for selling through them, encouraged by the publicity engendered by the new competition by Christie's.

Phillips, London's third largest auction room, has also begun to hold sales in New York this autumn. The second factor is the growing tendency for American collectors or their hears to prefer

growing tendency for American collectors or their behrs to prefer open market sales to museum bequests; that, in turn, has been stimulated by changes in the tax

taws.

The autumn has shown an irregular pattern of auction results. The art market is going through neither a boom nor a recession, but prices are perhaps, a little less buoyant than earlier in the year.

haps, the only area where the strong bidding and a steady upward trend in prices. Christie's turnover for books has almost doubled at £1,046,000.

For Impressionist and modern

For Impressionist and modern paintings the market has continued fairly weak and highly selective, a trend that set in in 1973. The same goes for contemporary paintings. Old Master paintings, if decorative and of high quality, can still be hid through the roof but the market for second-division works seems to be contracting. to be contracting.

lease their turnover figures for the full calendar year, which also show a healthy expansion of 28 per cent on 1976. They give no indication of autumn trends, but have issued an information sheet have issued an intornation seem on investment prospects compiled by their experts. The best fields to consider as an inflation hedge, are said to be jewelry and furniLuncheous\_ \_ .

Dr David Owen, Secretary of State

for Foreign and Commonwealth

Affairs, was host at a luncheon

held at Lancaster House yesterday

HM Government

Mrs.R. D. Plant

Stubbs on show

Museum closures

The National Museum of Wales, Cardiff, the Welsh Folk Museum, St. Fagans, the Welsh Industrial and Maritime Museum, Cardiff, and their branches will be closed

ture,
Phillips, in fact, sell more furniattention. Pacemakers to watch in 1978 are given as good Victorian dining furniture, early Continental oak and walnut, and talibbys. That o be contracting.

Phillips chose yesterday to redoubt it reflects real trends.

**AUCTION TURNOVER AUTUMN, 1977** (net of unsold lots; exclusive of buyers'... premium)

	Sept- Dec 1977 Em	Sept t Dec 1976 £m	lncrease
Sotheby Parke Ber	net		
Overall	51.9	43	. 21
Bond Street	16.0	15.8	.1
Belgravia	2.7	×1.9	14 "
*North America	24.4		
	(\$44m)	(\$27m)	62
Other foreign	8.9	8.1	. 10
Christie's			
Overail	29.3	21.2	38
King Street	13.6	12.2	11.
South Kensington	3.1	2.1	48
New York	5.9	—	-
Other foreign	6.7	6.2	: 8.

Variations in S exchenge rate make a sterling comparison

Today's engagements Hander's Messiah Albert Hall, Carol services: St Mary-le-Bow,

arot services: St Mary-le-Bow, 1.05; St Botolph, Aldgate, 1; St Nicholas Cole Abbey, Queen Victoria Street, 1.05; St Mar-garer Patrens, 1.15; Candie-light service: St Lawrence Jewry, 5.30. Punch and Judy, Madame Tus-saud's, 12-4. Christmas orchestral concert, Contemporary Baroque En-semble, St Olave's, Hart Street, 1.05.

Revearch Council for a teleselsmic study of variation in crust and apper manife structure across boundary between West African Craston and the Maurilandee orogenic belt under Professor J. C. Briden; \$16,750 from National Research on prediction methods for pressure deforming operations under Dr A. N. Bramby.

paramity. \$250.669 from the Agricultural Research Council for resource on light, endo-crines and growth in lambs under Dr J. M. Forbes.

Professor Alistair Chalmers has

been appointed pro-vice-chancel-

Grants:

| Latest Wills

Counsell have been appointed circuit judges and will be assigned to the Western Circuit.

Mr J. P. Comyn, QC, and Mr. R. G. Waterhouse, QC, have been appointed judges of the High Court and will be assigned to the Family Division. In succession to Mr. and will be assigned to the Family Division, in succession to Mr. Justice Rees and Mr. Justice Faulks, who are retiring. Mr. A. J. L. Lloyd, QC, has been appointed a judge of the High Court and will be assigned to the Queen's Bench Division, 'in' succession to Mr. Justice' Crichton, who is retiring. cession to Mr Justice Crichton, Margaret Costa and Professor who is retiring.

Other appointments include:

Rear Admiral T. B. Homan to be Motorway Service Areas.

Latest appointments

Mr G. B. Hutton and Miss H. R. Counsell have been appointed

R. S. Flynn on his rethrement in July.

Mr Emeka: Anyaoku and Mr John Small to be Deputy Secretaries. General of the Commonwealth. Judge F. J. White and Master M. A. Clews to be members of the Advisory Committee on Legal Add.

Dr B. J. Mason, Sir Harrie Massey, Professor D. C. Phillips, Dr M. G. P. Stoker, Professor P. Allen, Dr G. D: H. Bell, Sir Angus Paton, and Sir Peter Swinnerton-Dyer to be vice-presidents of the Royal Society.

Margarer, Costa and Professor

mple, succeeding Commander S. Flynn on his rettrement in

Sub-Treasurer of

from 5 pm on Friday, December 23, until 10 am on Wednesday, December 28 and again on Sunday, Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh The hon fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edin-burgh has been conferred on Sir Edward Hughes, President of the Royal Australastan College of Surgeons.

## Science report

### Weather: 1976 an exceptional year

£17.266 from Medical Research Council to Dr M. J. Burton for investigation into neutral control of feeding. Corr. 600 from the Norweglan Aget. of the international Divisionment and others or international Divisionment and others oriented at the control of the division o Winfired Mary Wilkinson, of The main criterion for including material in the report was that loss of life or severe economic consequences had resulted from the weather. When the informa-tion from the various countries was collected it became clear that; on a number of occasions severe weather disrupted many countries

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Winfred Mary Wilkinson, of Waringham, left £110,528 nec. She left £35,000, her books and motor car to personal legates, half the residue to the Children's Society, a quarter of the residue to Dr Hadwen Trust for Humane Research and a sixteenth of the residue each to Dr Barnardo's, RSPCA, National Anti-Vivisection Society and Wood Green Animal Sheker. simultaneously.
The year started badly. On the first of January, 1976, the pattern of winds over the North Atlantic Other estates include (net, before tax paid; tax not disclosed): Hartas, Mrs Ethel, of Middlesstarted to develop in a fashion that resulted in a deep depression Hartas, Mrs Ethel, of Middles-brough £164,859
Johnson, Mr Michael Antony Thewis, of Knutsford £181,902
Plumley, Colonel Ronald William Swaln, of Nettleden, company chairman £355,606
Stern, Mr Walter Leopold, of Carshalton Beeches, company director £166,294
Stevens, Mr Arthur George Mons, of Colerne, company director £224,827

system was seriously disrupted, That storm was exceptional not only in its severity but because at affected western Europe in the early part of 1976. The winter of 1975-76 was unusually mild and dry, as for most of the time storms were deflected north of their usual path. There was very little rainfall in the first half of the year, and drought conditions were reported over the regam, extending from the Scandinavian commiss to northern Italy.

Oxford University college awards

There is a natural tendency to regard extreme weather conditions as being "umusual for the time of year", and there is some instification for that attitude, as normal weather conditions are notoriously difficult to define. But by any standards 1976 will be remembered as an exceptional year for European weather. That emerges clearly from a report of severe from the conditions are motoriously difficult to define. But by any standards 1976 will be remembered as an exceptional year for European weather. That emerges clearly from a report of severe from the denought and the heat wave that often accompand year for European weather. That emerges clearly from a report of severe from the denought and the heat wave that often accompand weather to be between 550m and the heat wave that often accompand to the between 150m and the heat wave that often accompand was for European weather. That emerges clearly from a report of severe reptured in Regium and there were heavy showfalls and ablanches in ological Organization, which collects information supplied by the various national meteorological the indicated by winds that exceeded the major was deamatic. It broke in the major criterion for including the conditions are represented to be between the major and there were heavy showfalls and ablanches in large was critically affected.

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By Nature-Times News Service. Source: Weather, December (vol. 32, p. 457; 1977).

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D. R. Vannington-languam, Glenslinguad
(Classics).

#### **OBITUARY**

### LORD HENLEY

#### Service to the Council for the Protection of Rural England

held at Lancaster House yesterday in honour of the Ambassador of China. Among those present were:

Mr. Chu Chi-yuan. Mr. Lin Chin-sheng: Lord Governwy-Roberts. Lord Roth of Indian. Mr. Arthur Bottomies. Mr. Arthur Bottomies. Mr. Arthur Bottomies. Mr. Arthur Honour Br. David. Smithers. Mr. Robert Adlers. Mr. Mr. S. Clinton David. Mr. Lante Partit. Mr. Mr. S. Weighedt. Mr. Aubrey Sings. S. Weighedt. Mr. Aubrey Sings. S. Weighedt. Mr. Aubrey Sings. Mr. Rory MacPherson. Mr. H. A. H. Cortizal and Mr. Stephen. Wall. he had given notable voluntary service to the Country Land-Mr Evan Luard, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at 1 Cariton Cardens yesterday at a luncheon held in honour of the Ambassador of Cameroon. Party and the Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) of which he was chair-

After Eton and Balliol and qualifying as a land agent, Michael Francis Eden served from 1941-46, first in the Cold-Law Society
The President of the Law Society,
Mr Richard Denby, held 2 inncheon party at 60 Carey Street,
yesterday. The guests were:
The American Ambassador. Lord
Mr Parid Napley. Mr David Gaunt.
Mr R. B. Roper. Mr J. C. Palmer
(tice-president), Mr M. D. T. Loop
and Mr J. L. Bowron (socretary-general). stream Guards and then in the Second Household Cavalry where he reached the rank of captain. He succeeded to his father's title in 1962. From 1965 until his death he

was a member of the Council of the Country Landowners
Association and served from 1968 to 1973 as chairman of its Legal and Land Use Committee. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, were But as a landowner he took no narrowly sectional view. Part of Hadrian's Wall lay on his prop-erty and he was always conpresent at the Great Eastern Hotel yesterday evening when Mr and Mrs R. D. Plant were hosts at a Christmas ball to celebrate the election of the Lord Mayor. scious of an owner's public re-sponsibility. He once wrote: "A man cannot own a wild animal in a state of nature; he cannot own a view—it is there for anyone to enjoy." The Tate Gallery is to celebrate its successful Stubbs appeal with a special exhibition called "All is safety gathered in", opening on January 27th. Its centrepiece will be the two pictures saved for the nation by the £140,000 appeal; "Haymakers" and "Respers".

Lord Henley the seventh his party as a whip and as its baron has died at the age of 63. environmental spokesman for a A landowner with property in time. He was chairman of the Northamptonshire and Cumbria, Liberal party in 1968-69 and its president in 1966-67.

In the Lords he was popular owners Association, the Liberal and respected, the more so because his interventions were succinct and confined to matters which he knew about. He was a chairman of committees and a deputy speaker in the House for whose good name and efficiency he cared very much. From his grandfather, George Howard 9th Earl of Carlisle, the pre-Raphaelite painter, and friend of Holman Hunt, William Morris, Burre Jones and many other figures distin-guished in the arts and litera-

ture, he inherited his love of all the arts especially painting and music. His aestinetic sense served him well when he became chairman of CPRE in 1973. His very busy tenure of office saw the council's 50th. anniversary and a major appeal for funds. He brought all his charm, diplimacy and firmness to promoting constitutional changes adopted this year which placed control of CPRE in the hands of its members in the branches for the first time. He was twice married, both

a small as well as a capital L. solved. He is succeeded by his In the House of Lords he served eldest son the Hon Oliver Edward

ation which, acting for the Local Authorities, was the spearhead of the area's attempt

to secure new employment. From 1968 to 1973 he was From 1968 to 1973 he was deputy chairman of the Mid Wales Development Corpora-

tion and was directly involved in the planning and building of Mid Wales' first new town at Newtown.

Working for the Mid-Wales be loved he brought an co-

quiring and progressive outlook to his task and used all his

considerable qualities of leadership and diplomacy and

his marketing and organisa-tional skills to the effort to

overcome the problems of de-population in Mid Wales—a

problem of which he knew, so

much.
His interests were widespread. He was at some time a
member of the Weish Council,
a Trustee of the Rural Indus-

Governors and of the College

#### MR JAMES LLEVELYS DAVIES

Mr James Llevelys Davies, wards he threw himself whole-who was General Manager of heartedly into the efforts being made to encourage the economic 1954 to 1964, died on Decemmade to encourage the economic development of Mid Wales. From 1963 to 1977 he was chairman of the Mid Wales Industrial Development Associ-

The son of a Cardiganshire farmer and born at Mydroilyn in 1904, Llevelys, Davies achieved early recognition by gaining a First Class Honours Degree in Agricultural Economics at the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, and later an MSc at Oxford. He started his career as a Lecturer in Agricultural Economics under in Agricultural Economics under Professor Ashby in the Depar-ment of Agricultural Economics at the University in Aberyst-

In 1933 he joined the newly formed Milk Marketing Board in a junior marketing post. In 1942. Mr Davies was seconded part-time to the Ministry of Agriculture as chief milk pro-duction officer. In this capacity he was responsible for the direc-tion of the Ministry's warnine noild production campaign which, in four years, raised the annual level of supplies by over 150,000,060 gailons. Mr Davies's connexion with the Ministry ceased in December, 1946, when

connexion with the Ministry ceased in December, 1946, when he returned full-time to the Milk Marketing Board.

He was created a EBE in 1947 in Rural Areas (CoSira). Tatterly he was much involved in the war years.

When General Manager of the Council of Small Industries in Rural Areas (CoSira). Tatterly he was much involved as President of the Cardigan shire Conservative Association. In Aberystwyth itself he worked quickly realized the importance of raising the quality of the University College as a national dairy herd and was member of the Court of

involved with the establishment and development of the board's AI centres. He was also inservanced in introducing the

On his retirement from the Honorary Director of Laws by Board, Llevelys Davies returned the University of Wales in to Cardiganshire. Retirement recognition of his outstanding was not what he had in mind services to Mid Wales. however, and from 1964 on He leaves a widow and a son.

board's vigorous sales develop-heard's vigorous sales develop-ment programme and ensuring 1974 and in the summer of that strategic marketing centres 1977, to the pleasure of his were established to support it.

committees.

#### MISS ELIZABETH OWEN

The death of Miss Elizabeth an end what was one of the most remarkable individual contributions to the life and work of, the Royal Commonwealth Society in its 110 year history.

Society in its 110 year history.

Her close personal involvement
in almost every aspect of the
society and specially with its
programme: of meetings—
spanned the 20 years from 1957
to 1977 deging which the ald to 1977 during which the old British Empire was transformed

into the contemporary Common-wealth and the old Royal Empire Society went through a parallel change to find a conimuing role. Her contribution was closely linked with that of the late Sir

linked with that of the lare Sir Charles Ponsonby, Bt, who, recognizing her dynamic ability, invited her to help him with the society's public relations, at a time when he was effecting the change of name from Empire to Commonwealth and raising money for a Commonwealth Studies Foundation to finance the society's library and its programme of education and information.

and was the first woman to be and Banda of Malawi

Mr Malcolm MacDonald, OM, a deputy chairman of the counwrites: cil, an office which she held from 1971 to 1975. Her services to the Commonwealth were recognized by a GPE in 1969. Her great qualities were her boundless energy and indominable courage, her deep conviction of the value of the Commonwealth, her determined belief in the importance of the society as a leading non-governsociety as a leading non-govern-mental organization, and her

This showed itself in the entertainment—in her Chelse's flat with its prize-winning roof gar-den—of Commonwealth diplomats, politicians, businessmen, civil servants and their wives, and her colleagues in the society, young and old everyone in fact who she felt had something to contribute to the Commonwealth and the society. It showed itself too in her travels which took her almost entirely at her own expense several times round the world—always ready to speak with rou-viction at meetings on radio and on television—to Canada, the Caribbean, the Pacific, New the society's library and its probramme of education and information.

Berry Owen joined the
society's council in 1956, became a vice-president in 1962,
and was the first woman to be
the Carnboean, the Pacinic, New
Zealand, Australia, South East
Asia, the sub-Continent and
above all to Africa, where her
involvement over the years was
enriched by friendshins with
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#### one in the earlier MAJ-GEN SIR JAMES BOWES-LYON

age of 60. Educated at Eton and Sandburst he was commissioned 1938 and served the Second that dete.

World War in the Guards He was president of the Armoured Division, winning the National Smallbore Rifle MC and Bar. He was Com- Association and chairman of the the 2nd Battalion, Grensdier Guards from 1957 to 1959; and was Military Assistant (GSOI) to the CIGS from 1960 to 1962. Subsequently he successively commanded the 157th Lowland commanded the 157th Lowenth Brigade (Scotland); was GOC Humphrey de Trattoro, District They had two sons and one daughter.

Mr Basil William Seager, CMG, OBE, late Colonial Administrative Service, died on December 16 at the age of 79. He was British Agent, Western Aden Protectorate during the Second World War and chairman (ex officio) of

the Abyan (comon) Board, 1947-54:

Major General Sir James Sector) from 1968 to 1970; He was GOC London District and Commanded the Household Division from 1971 to 1973. He was a sion from 1971 to 1973. He was a Gentleman Usher to the Queen from 1974 to 1976 and had been into the Grenadier Guards in an extra Gentleman Usher since

MC and Bar. He was Com- Association and chairman of the mandant of the Guards Depot Board of Governors of the from 1955 to 1957; commanded Queen Alexandra Hospital Queen Alexandra Hospital Home for Disabled Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen. He was made OBE in 1972; CB in 1970; and KCVO in 1973. He married, in 1941, Marv. second daughter of Sir-

Major-General Frederick Whitmore Burch CSI CIE, MC, late Indian Army, died on December 20 at the age of 84. He was Chief of Staff, and Cin-C Baroda Stare Forces in 1946. He was appointed a Deputy Lieutenant for Essex in 1956 and a former chargman of Lexago and Winstree RDC, Winstree

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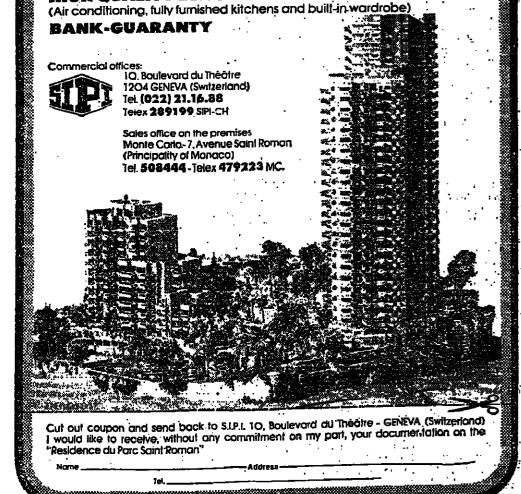
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## Opec failure to agree on new prices results in standstill for time being

at least another six mouths. Mr Ali Jaidah, secretary general of the Organization of Perroleum, Exporting Countries (Opec) said after the third and final ministerial session, that member countries were unable to reach a common concen-ses" on oil prices.

The next opportunity to discuss prices will be at the meeting scheduled for June 15 but there is a possibility of a special session being called within the first three months of next year at which the whole question of at which the whole question of prices would be reopened.

Postponement of a decision is in fact a thinly disguised victory for Saudi Arabia, Iran, Abu. Dhabi, and Qatar, who went to the conference seeking very control of 1077 pricesking.

an extension of 1977 prices into 1978. Postponing the decision saves the conference from the embarrassment of rejecting outright proposals from Senor Carlos Andres Perez, the Venezuelan President, for a 5 to 8 per cent price rise the proceeds of which would be given for one vear to help pay off some of the Third World debts. Postponement also leaves the countries that wanted an in-

crease free to adjust their

Power price

report sent

to Minister

First report by the new Price

Commission on an investigation of a price increase during which

prices can be frozen and an increase delayed for 12 months,

went yesterday to Mr Hatters-ley, Secretary of State for Prices

and Consumer Protection.

It was an investigation into higher charges by the Central Electricity Generating Board for

bulk supply tariffs to the area

electricity boards in England

and Wales. The increases were

caused by higher fuel costs for power generation which are

The Commission has been looking ar CEGB costings and

the sort of prices it faces from
its suppliers including the
National Coal Board. The coal
board, like British Steel, comes

directly under Community regu-

lations and escapes direct sur-veillance by Mr Hattersley's price regulation machinery.

been investigating proposed in

creases in quarterly domestic electricity tariffs by the elec-tricity boards because of the fuel cost adjustments.

Mr. Hattersley expects the report on the area board rises of the end of this month. He tren has a month in which to decide whether the second of the second

c'ecide whether to act on any recommendations made by the

ammission after an investiga

The area boards have already

been allowed to put through the

be made available is to be in-

creased from £250,000 to £500,000, or 50 per cent of the

total cost of a project, which-

ever is the greater. Second, the period in which a project has

to show a balance of payments benefit at least equal to the original sum invested has been

extended from 18 months to

The more important of these

tainly the extension of the time

limit. Even this could still be far too tight for any major

manufacturing schemes, but it is expected at least to offer

opportunities for a greater range of projects than has been possible to date.

How the markets moved

10p to 228p 10p to 230p 10p to 420p 13p to 343p 9p to 123p 10p to 454p

3p to 38p

Assum Frontier Sp to 300p
Charter Cons 4p to 125p
Durban Rood 15p to 253p
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Lourho 8p to 69p
Morris & Blakey 2p to 44p
Peart 4p to 240p

Equities were mixed.
Gilt-edged securities saw small

trade.

Dollar premium 92,75 per cent (effective rate 39,37 per cent).

Sterling gained 40 points to \$1,8845. The effective exchange rate index was at 64.4.

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Commission has also

tomatically passed to the con-

By Derek Harris

From Roger Vielvoye

Caracas, Dec 21

The world's leading oil exporting countries failed to agree on new prices for crude oil next crease its prices.

Mr Jaidah, asked if the conference had sought assurances ference had sought assurances

ference had sought assurances from the hawks led by Iraq, Algeria and Libya, that they would dot increase prices unofficially, said: "We have an agreement not to disagree."

He added that no time limit had been set on the price freeze. Until the conference decided to meet again the 1977. cided to meet again, the 1977 prices, based on Arabian market crude at \$12.70 (about £6.75) a barrel would confinue. The conference decision must be seen as a rebuff for the initiative on Third Word aid taken by President Perez. By presenting his proposals in the official opening speech he put considerable pressure on the delegates which was followed by a round of intensive lobby-

announced President Perez said he was resigned to the minis-

his proposats.

He was now hoping to convene a special meeting of Opecheads of state during the first quarter of next year.

This quarter of next year. This meeting would debate the principle of giving aid to the Third. World through a surcharge on oil prices . . . . . early next year in yet another A final decision could then artempt, to reach a revised

By Ray Maughan

market yesterdav.

Leading "shares

The success of the City's long campaign for the abolition

of the 25 per cent surrender, rule on the dollar premium was.

scarcely reflected in thin pre-

Christmas trading on the stock

from a dull start but mostly

ended narrowly mixed with the

FT Index shead by only 0.4 to 480.0. The dollar premium's effective rate climbed from 38.5 per cent to 39.37 per cent.

dated 4p to 125p. Investors too

way into gold while the sur- to render rule existed, investors of

would now prefer to buy directly into the South African

But, while the market delayed

an positive reaction to aboli-

tion, fund managers and brokers were almost univer-

The Treasury's decision was

described as "excellent" by Mr Nicholas Goodison, chairman of

the Stock Exchange, who said: "It goes a long way towards "L restoring London's position as in

Mr Peter Willis, a member of

the Stock Exchange Council and a partner of the broking firm of Shephards & Chase, said the move may also "enable London

More scope for investing abroad

vestment. Investors will still have to buy premium invest-

to do, however, is to surrender 25 per cent of their sales pro-

ceeds at the official rate of ex-

change—a requirement that has generally amounted to a "penalty" of 5 per cent or more

The decision to remove the surrender rule for all overseas securities and not simply EEC securities was taken for admini-

Palerson R 4p to 35p 7 Roan Cons 'B' 5p to 60p 7 Smith Bros 6p to 55p

Zambia Copper ip to 14p

Sp to 200p
7p to 120p
80yco 2p to 32½p
South Crofty 3p to 66p
Fronch Mines
Wrighton F 1p to 175p

while SDR-£ was 0.641853.

Gold gained \$0.75 an ounce to

SDR-5 was 1.20861 on Wednesday,

Commodities: Reuter's index was at 1415.7 (previous 1415.5).

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29p to 674p 17p to 160p 14p to 197p

on their investment.

ossible to date. strative reasons. Had the The abolition of the 25 per abolition been made only for

cent surrender rule on over- the latter class of securities,

seas portfolio investment brings, there to an end a situation that has real diong riled the investment com-

gold mines themselves.

sally pleased.

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City hails abolition

the view that, while the mining before its merger with Akrovdy houses had been the cheapest Stocken & Lazarus had ceased way into gold while the sure to trade in this market because render rule existed, investors of the poor level of business

restoring London's position as in international securities a major capital market of the markets would be restored",

munity. It does not, however, the EEG free of surrender obli-mean that there are no longer gations and then being invested any restrictions on overseas in non-EEC markets from, say,

ment currency at the premium capital movements effect those rate. who are emigrating to EEC

What they will no longer have countries and those making gifts of do, however, is to surrender or paying dowries to those per cent of their sales proceeds at the official rate of ex-

of surrender rule

Failing to take action on the Venezuelan proposals presents Opec with the problem of ensuring that this it not inter-preted as a snub for the Third

Mr Jaidah said member counties would consult among themselves on the President's proposals with a view to making a new approach towards streng-thening the solidarity among Opec and Third World govern-ments in establishing a new economic order.

The conference was

The conference was extremely disappointed with the lack of progress on establishing the common fund for commodines despite the real commitment made by the developed countries during the North-South dislorators in Pairie, he South dialogue in Paris, he

The meeting had reaffirmed full support, including financial contributions, towards an early establishment of the integrated programme for commodities.

To complete the lack of ters postponing a decision on agreement at the conference, no agreement was reached on the relative value of heavy crude oil in the Gulf states. A steering committee was formed at the Stockholm meeting in July to tackle this imbalance and it has now been decided that it will meet again be taken at the next summer price structure.

in the South African gold

Mr Anthony Lewis, chairman of the jobbing firm of Smith Brothers and the only London firm now making a book in South African mining shares, is a logarithm of the control o

is a long-term campaigner

against the surrender rule. He said he was "narinally

said he was "naturally delighted" by abolition al-though he found it difficult to assess its immediate impact.

He felt, however, that "London's competitive position.

His views on increased flexi-

top stable of investment trusts.

there could have been a very real danger of United Kingdom

investment funds moving into

Luxembourg.
The main changes in personal

on emigration is to be doubled to £80,000 per family unit.

The cash gift allowance goes up from £1,500 to £3,000 annually per donor per year. A dowry payable by a parent increases from £3,600 to £7,500.

Regulations effecting non-EEC territories remain unchanged.

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## American deals with British razor blade and match group

### US set to control Wilkinson

Allegheny Ludium Industries, is proposing to acquire control of Wilkinson Match, the British group, without making a general offer for the shares.

Earlier this week Allegheny, a large

United States group with sales of \$889m (£494m), bought a 29 per cent stake in Wilkinson, the British maker of matches and the only British owned razor blade producer, from Swedish Match, its long standing projecting therebolder.

standing minority shareholder.

This size of the holding being just below the level at which the British Take-over Code triggers a general offer gave no hint of the scale of the proposed link between the two groups, or that control would pass to the Americans.

It had been the original intention to amounce the two deals together but a leak in Sweden precipitated disclosure of

the boying of the share stake.

The second part of the deal which it is proposed will give control to Allegheny results from the acquisition by Wilkinson Match of a wholly owned Allegheny sub-

The Takeover Panel has agreed to the deals without requiring Allegheny to make a general offer but has required Wilkinson Match to gam shareholders agree-

Anegheny would be desentranthesed. The meeting is expected to take place in February.

Details of the size of the assets and the earnings of True Temper, the American company, which is being acquired have not been made available, but Mr Chris Lewinton, Wilkinson Match's managing director, said the deal should result in an increase in earnings was shore with in an increase in earnings per share with-our any dilution of assets.

This would mean that True Temper,

the world's largest producer of garden tools, must have net assets approaching E20m.
The Wilkinson March management

believes that the deal that is being nego-tiated is in the best interests of share-

a market it needs.

The dangers of being a British minority in an American-controlled company would be met by a strong British board.

Explaining why Allegheny had not made an offer for Wilkinson Match a spokesman for the company said: "It is firmly believed that Wilkinson Match remaining a British and works a strong works. British company is the best way of moving into the future."

Two directors of Allegheny Ludlum will-be invited to join the board of Wilkinson

Match, one of whom will be Mr Bob Buckley, president and chief executive officer of Allegheny. Swedish Match which retains a holding of nearly 4 per cent in the British group, will also continue to have a representative.

As well as producing garden tools True Temper, which Wilkinson Match has wished to buy for some time but has been short of the financial power to do so, has a profiled and a temperature for sole club shifts.

a worldwide reputation for golf club shafts and wood golf heads, and is a big producer of metal tennis racquet framés.

Through its recent acquisition of Cheme tron, Allegheny has moved into the fire protection business as a major supplier of extinguishers to the aviation and military

Mr Lewinton said Wilkinson Match would benefit strongly from Allegheny's presence in these fields. The deal is likely to be looked at dosely by the Monopolies Commission. The merger between Wilkinson Sword and British Match four years ago was one of the few to have gone ahead after a full Monopolies investigation. This time, however, there is the possi-bility of control of the only United King-

dom maker of razor blades and a monopoly supplier of matches passing overseas. Financial Editor, page 15

### ruling goes against Mr Stern Keyser Ullmann, the merchant

bank, yesterday won its High Court claim for £1.5m against Mr William Stern,

Mr Justice Talbot rejected the American-born businessman's claim that he was not liable for one of his company's debts to Ullmann-but granted him a five-week stay on execution of the judgment to file notice of appeal.

The stay was granted on condition that he brings £25,000 into court within seven days in part-settlement of the Keyser. Ullmann claim.
Mr. Stern, of Albert Court,

Prince Consort Road, South: Kensington, London, was not in court to hear the judge's ruling. Mr Lionel Swift, QC, for the bankers, originally demanded that Mr Stern, whose property empire collapsed three years ago, bring £50,000 into court, pending a possible appeal.

But Mr Stern's counsel, Mr
Muir Hunter, QC, protested:

"He must have time in which
to rake a few shekels together." To order Mr Stern to find £50,000 immediately would rob him of the chance to appeal and expose him to bankruptcy pro-

expose that to ceedings.

The bankers' claim arose out of a personal guarantee given by Mr Stern in 1973 in respect of cash owing by one of his companies, Magnum Hotel companies, (Manchester).

Mr Stern admitted guarantee but claimed the was unenforceable against him because of a scheme of arrangement between the Stern Group and its creditors, approved by

a judge in 1975. The scheme proposed a three year moratorium on the en-forcement of debts, during which time the affairs of the scheme companies would be administered by Mr Kenneth Cork, accountant, under the supervision of a committee of creditors.

But the bankers contended

that there had been many meet-ings of creditors after the scheme's approval, some of which were attended by Mr Stern, when it was never sug-gested that his liability under the guarantee was affected.

Mr Justice Talbot accepted that there was nothing in the scheme which curtailed the bankers' rights under the

guarantee. The scheme did not absolve Mr Stern from his obligation the end of the moratorium next July. He remained liable under the guarantee, the judge ruled.
The scheme was designed to
bring about the orderly discharge of debts.

"I am entitled to say that the plaintiffs cannot be taken to have given up their rights, even temporarily", the judge said.

Keyser Ullman's total claim was for £1,558,791. This figure including interest.

Mr Stern was ordered to pay

the costs of the action, unoffi-cially estimated at £10,000 to £15,000.

# Japanese on 7 per cent

Japan is aiming for a 7 per cent growth rate in 1978-79 and a cut in the current account. surplus from this year's expec-ted outcome of \$10,000m to

A special Cabinet meeting yesterday morning approved these figures—part target and part forecast—which were prepared by the Economic Planmin Agency (EPA) in Tokyo.

The Government's budget for next year has not been com-pleted although ministers yes-terday said that public spend-ing would be raised to push growth up to the target figure. Recent private forecasters have been sceptical of the Japanese government's ability to

achieve 7 per cent outplit growth next year. Strong pressure from the Americans, in their recent trade negotiations with the Japanese contributed to the formulation of the 7 per cent figure. The four major United King Mr David LeRoy-Lewis, chair-dom mining houses came under man of Akroyd & Smithers, a selling pressure as Consoli-leading jobbing firm, said yesdated Gold Fields dropped 10p terday that his company was to 161p; and Charter Consoli-considering making a book in deted to 1250. Investors took

leading jobbing firm, said yesterday that his company was considering making a book in South African shares. Shortly hefore its merger with Akroyd A far greater revision has occurred on the trade figures. Japan's first estimates were for a \$700m deficit on the current account this year.

It is the Japanese trade per-formance which has particu-larly upset the test of the industrialized world this year. The government now seems to have recognized that it must boost domestic demand, rather than go for growth through exports. Mr Nobuhiko Ushiba, the

Minister for External Affairs, said that the world was waiting to see if Japan could achieve its growth target and would severely criticize a failure to do o. Government action to stimu-

bility and switching opportuni-ties, were reflected by Mr Philip Shelbourne of the Draylate domestic growth through investment in the infrastructure, and other spending, would be sizable. The draft budget outlining the measures will be submitted to the Cabinet tomorrow and published around the end of the year. Financial Editor, page 15

In yesterday's national economic review export growth in 1978-79 is put at 7 per cent and import growth at 13 per cent. The visible trade deficit is estimated at 13,500m yen. However Mr Kiichi Miyazawa, Director General of the EPA, said that the balance of pay-ments figures could not be

treated - es - fixed targets as events could so easily upset It is difficult to see how the Japanese can cut their surplus sharply in the next few months. The first effect of the yen The first effect of the yen appreciation is to wider the

A big structural shift towards imports, with a move towards more efficient distribution of foreign goods, is needed to correct the trade imbalance. The Japanese would probably never he happy to see them-selves in deficit. Consumer spending is pro-jected to rise by 5 per cent in real perms next year, private

business investment by 6 per cent, and public investment by 16 per cent.
Employment would rise by 1 per cent if growth reached 7 per cent, but unemployment would be unchanged at 2 per cent because of labour supply increases. Frank Vogi writes from Wash

ington: Senior Carter Admini-stration officials candidly admit that they are pressing the Japanese authorities much more forcefully than their public statements indicate to restrain their exports to the United States, to take steps to permit a greater volume of American imports and to stimulate their economy more vigorously.

These officials believe that the private discussions with the Japanese, which one official described as "fairly rough?,

are proving productive.

The Japanese are said to appreciate, at long last the great degree of interest and concern on these issues in Congress and in American business.

### Carter pledge of action | Pay award to stabilize dollar on foreign markets

Washington, Dec 21
President Carter today issued
a statement aimed at demon-strating that he and his Administration are deeply concerned about the recent decline of the dollar in the foreign exchange markets and that he is prepared to take steps to try to stabilize its exchange rate.

Too Treasury officials noted in explaining the President's statement that there have been widespread foreign misundet standings about American exthange rate policy and the degree of determination by the President to deal with the nation's energy and balance of payments problems. They said they expected the dollar to tremsteen in the course of

The President stressed that his Administration "will, in close consultation with our triends abroad, intervene to the cluded a number of specific extent necessary to counter discharge measures that are likely to orderly conditions in the exhause a modest effect on reducting markets.

President Carter said: "I

istration to intersene more actively in the exchange markets to maintain the dollar's current exchange rate and possibly even produce some strengthening in the currency. Statements today by top Treasury officials reflected a deep conviction on the part of

the Carrier Administration that fundamental economic developments all point to some increas in the dollar's value. The officials stated that it was impossible to define exactly what was meant by "disorderly

what was meant by "disorderly exchange market conditions", but they left the strong impression that current conditions night be viewed as being disorderly and thus their statements suggested greater exchange market intervention in the event of a further depreciation of the dollar's rate. The President's statement

but which are likely to be more shall be presenting to the Con-gress (next month) a compre-These included quadrupling These included quadrupling hensive economic programme, to \$2,800m (about £1,490m) a designed to insure a healthy, year of the lending funds awailand growing economy, to able to the Export import Bank increase business capital investment, to expand; industrial and a doubling of the Common capacity and productivity, and modify Credit Corporation's to maintain prudent budgetary policies, while counteracting inflationary pressures. These and related measures will promote progress and underscore to fall frum \$11,000m to mote progress and underscore to fall from \$11,000m to our commitment to a strong and \$6,000m, while the combined

### may help Tyne yard's Polish deal

overtime ban led to Swan Hunter losing a £57m order for seven Polish ships, were yester-day awarded a £5.40 a week pay rise under the Fair Wages Act This increase, recommended by the Government's Central Arbitration Commutee, will be backdated to November 1. It is nearly £3 less than the men's claim for £8.27 a week to give them parity with boilermakers on Typeside.

Shop stewards reacted favourably to the offer, which is likely to be accepted at a mass meeting of the outfirters on January 3 when the five Tyne yards reopen after the Christ-mas holiday.

on Tyneside.

British Shipbuilders will then be in a position to give Swan Hunter four of the seven bulk carriers still to be allocated in the Polish orders

Mr George Arnold, Tyneside chairman of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions, said: "This award closes the gap considerably and we feel it is a step in the right direction. We are recommend. direction. We are recommending acceptance of the offer and will continue talks with the company about narrowing the

Three of the seven ships have already been given to other yards. One has gone to Govan and the other two are to be built at Smiths Dock on the British Shipbuilders bave

been looking around for other suitable yards to take the other four but after a meeting of management and unions at

### sound United States economy." This is the first such specific was likely to decline in 1978 four but statement by a president on the strength of the dollar in several They also expected United Swan Hum years. There can be little doubt that the statement indicates a about \$15,000m. Swan Hunter yesterday the bulk carriers could still come back to

#### **CBI urges** quiet line on S Africa By Malcolm Brown

Industrial leaders have asked the government to be cautious in its approach to the South African and Rhodesian problems. the course with the

Lord Watkinson; president of the Confederation of British Industry, disclosed after a meet-ing of the CBPs Grand Council yesterday that in recent dis-cussions with Dr Owen, the-Foreign Secretary, he had appealed to him to ensure that the government "played it quiet".

The CBI delegation told Dr Owen that it wanted to see British business going back into Rhodesia to deal with a properly elected government with an African majority. Britain should be able to help build up Rhodesia again. The Government, in searching for a solution to the Rhodesian problem, should bear this factor in mind, he was tald The industrialists said that

while not opposing the arms cmbargo on South Africa, they hoped the Government would tread softly in as dealings with the republic. British industry had a large investment there They also reminded him that Britain might still have strategic need of Cape Town at some time in the future. The Government must not rupture relations with the republic.

The CBI council also discussed yesterday the recent decision of the International Chamber of Commerce to adopt a code of practice aimed at fighting bribery and corruption in business and politics. The Confederation is to discuss the matter with the Government. Mr. John Methven, Director General of the CBI, told the council that five months into the current pay found there now appeared to be grounds for optimism. But there was

also a need for caution. The council approved the appointment of Mr John Greenborough, deputy chairman and managing director of Shell UK, as president. He will succeed. Lord Watkinson on January 1.

# Triumph peace hopes dwindle

By R. W. Shakespeare Talks between union repre-With a crimpling strike now sentatives and management in its seventh week British, who met ACAS officials in Leyland's hopes of restarting Liverpool, ended late on Tues-two of its big car assembly day night. No progress was made areas before the new year over the dispute which concerns appear to have vanished after the introduction of new man-the collapse of talks arranged ning scales and working by the Advisory, Conciliation arrangements at the Mersey-and Arbitration Service: side plant.

British Levland continues to Last right a Levland conkes-

and Arbitration Service.

British Leyland continues to suffer heavy losses and the present dispute has already cost more than \$140m.

There was, however, cheering the force than on Monday, January 2.

Prospects of a settlement before then now seem very slim.

The meeting of the 7,000 Chrysler's main car assembly plant at Linwood. Renfrew then now seem very slim.

The meeting of the 7,000 Chrysler workers at Linwood yesterday solidly backed a plan that was worked out between the there in october when is, that the strike by 2,000 the four inspectors refused to move workers in the Triumph car assembly plant on Merseyside.

assembly plant on Merseyside goes on with another 1,500; workers there laid off and a further 2,000 men made idle at the Triumph plant at Coventry. All assembly of TR7 and Dolomite cars is stopped;

#### Consumer price rises jump in US to 6 pc a year Washington, Dec 21.-Con-

sumer prices rose in November ar a' 6 per cent annual rate, the fastest advance since the 7.2 per cent rate reported last

June. The 0.5 per gent rise last month, after seasonal adjustment brought the annual rate to 6 per cent after three months of 0.3 per cent rises. some price index rose by 0.5 per cent to 185.4 per cent of the 1967 average, compared with 6.7 per cent from a year-

earlier.
Food prices rose by an adjusted 0.6 per tent, the adjusted 0.6 per cent, the fastest in five months in comparison with 0.1 per cent in September and October. Non-food commodities increased 0.5 per cent after adjustment—the fastest in nine months after a 0.3 per cent October rise and one of 0.2 per cent in September.

to new work 30 yards along the production line. The plan was described yes-

terday by Mr Stanley Deason, Chrysler's director of opera-tions at Linwood, as "a mile-stone for industrial relations at

schemes for overrime working Since the October strike ended cutput ar Linwood has been soaring and in the past six weeks it has increased by 75 per cent, from 20 cars an hour to 36. New productivity

to 36. New productivity measures are aimed at increas-ing this figure to 40 cars an hour.
Mr Deason said that yesterday's decision by the work force would give the manage-ment in cooperation with the workers the chance to implement recommendations which were "vital to Linwood's future

prosperity". Mr Jimmy Livingstone, Transport and General Workers' Union convenor at Linwood, said that one of the main. effects of the plan was to re-establish a 1968 pay and productivity deal that had been seriously eroded in recent years by short-time working and the threats of possible closure.

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10.00 a.m.

#### Anglo American Corporation Group ORANGE FREE STATE GOLD MINING COMPANIES

Closing of Transfer Registers of the undermonuoused companies will be CLOSED for the ourpose of annual general meetings to be held at 44 Main Street, Johannosburg on Thursday 26th January, 1978, during the period 20th to 26th January, 1978, both days inclusive.

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A member entitled to allend and vote at the meeting is entitled to appoint a provy to attend and speak and, on a poll, to vote in his stead. A proxy need not be a member of the company.

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and trade union circles. 16 | Economic Notebook, page 15 terms of

rescue for

VFW plant

The West German Cabiner today agreed on the final details of the plan to rescue VFW-Fokker, the Dutch-West Ger-

men aircraft group, frem bank-ruptcy. VFW-Pokker is in a fin-ancial crisis because of the commercial failure of the VFW

614, a twin jet short haul air-liner seating 44 people. Herr Martin Grüner, a secre-tary of state at the Bonn eco-

nomics ministry, told a press

conference today that the entire project had cost around DM1,000m (£275m).

To restructure the company,

Bonn and the state of Bremen

will pay back DM280m of credits taken up by the company but guaranteed by the two governments. In addition the Federal Government will give-

the company DM110m in cash, which will only have to be repaid when VIFW-Fokker returns top rofitability.

A further guarantee line of \$150m is to be provided for the company's future operations by the Peac Concernment and the

the Bonn Government and the governments of Lower Saxony

and Bremen.
In return, VFW-Fokker will

have to liquidate virtually all

its capital and reserves to help

to meet the company's com-mitments. The VFW 614 pro-ject will be ended this year and Bonn expects changes to be made at the top level of the

group's management.
Scrapping of the VFW 614,

of which Herr Gruner said only

10 had been sold, will result in the loss of about 1.100 jobs.

Some 600 people at VFW-Fok-ker's Bremen works will be dis-

missed and another 500 jobs will be lost at the company's Speyer plant in Rhineland Palatinate.

By Peter Hill ICPs Fibres operations are

tween £10m-£15m this year, instead of breaking even, as the company had hoped.

Mr. John Harvey-Jones, main board director responsible for fibre products, said yesterday that losses by the European man-made fibres in dustry were likely to amount to £500m this year compared with £350m last year. In a note to employees he said this would bring losses back to the same level as in 1975. ICI had a deficit of £30m on

its fibre operations two years ago. Last year it managed to reduce the loss to £11m, but had hoped to break even in the current year. The European industry is suffering from poor demand overcapacity and im-ports from low-cost countries. In four years ICI has reduced its workforce in the United Kingdom and in Europe to 15,000 from 22,000, and several of its less economic production plants have been

The fibres sector, and the textile and clothing industries in Europe are basing their hopes or a return to better market conditions on the renewed Gatt Multi Fibre Arrangement, signed on Tuesday and designed to rationalize development of trade between the developed and the less developed coun-ries.

John Earle writes in Rome : A bleak Christmas faces 2,600 workers at the modern manmade fibres plant, jointly owned by Anic and Montefibre, Ottana in centri Sardinia A local trade union official said the works council were told by the management yester-day that December wages and

salaries would not be paid.

They were further informed that only five sixths of the tradi-ional "thirteenth month" paid hroughout Italy for Christmas would be available.

### New Leyland Cars panel set up to Bonn agrees decide on competitive product line

Another review panel has been set up to study the various organizational options open to Leyland Cars, and to recommend a product line which is competitive and eco-

The panel, seven strong and led by Mr Pat Lowry, the corporate director in charge of persounel and administration, began work just over a week ago. It has been asked to report to Mr Michael Edwardes. the new chairman, in two months.

News of the panel's establishhas done nothing to dampen rumours that Leyland may shelve its controversial new Mini project-the ADO 88-to make way for a more profitable range of medium family saloons. There have been suggestions that the project has already been mothballed pending receipt of Mr Lowry's recom-

Leyland denies this. A spokesman said: "No policy decision has been made to stop work on the new Mini. It is

Equipment manufacturers. worried about the possible loss of contracts worth many millions of pounds, have not been completely reassured by the denial. They point out that if the Mini project is shelved, the state-controlled motor group could be involved in substantial penalty payments to



Mr David Andrews: strong

The key question of which cars Leviand should build to restore its fortunes has been complicated by the appointment of two further product reviwe teams, both headed by Mr David Andrews, newly promoted to succeed the department of the succeed ing Mr Alex Park as an executive vice chairman. Mr Andrews, until recently managing director of Leyland International, is known to be a strong advocate of LC10, 11

Ford's best selling Cortina.

This is also the choice of many Levland dealers. They are gloomy about prospects during the next two years when they will be fighting a rearguard action with an aging product line. Welcome as the new Mini would be in late 1979, they would prefer a larger car to appeal to fleet; company and professional people who account for nearly two thirds of the

It is also reliably reported that a recent clinic—a secret showing to selected motorists produced adverse reaction to some aspects of the new Mini's appearance; this could lead to changes in some body panels.

An expensive compromise could be a decision to advance LC10's launch date—reported to be 1981—to early 1980 The appearance of two new models within months of each other ing facilities under enormous strain. It is already short of production engineers.

It could arguably undertake such a major dual programme by subcontracting a substantial share of the work. This has already been mooted by man-agement in talks with shop steward members of the company's participation machinery The latest bout of indecision is again unidermining morale in Leyland Cars and feeding the industry's grapevine with wild

### Survey sees threat to industry's image

By Edward Townsend Potential customers British cars at home and abroad are becoming

increasingly wary of the goods on offer, according to a report on the industry, published yesterday. There is "a very real danger of the industry's—and notably Leyland's—image being damaged on a medium to long term basis", it states.

The survey, in the latest issue of Motor Business published by The Economist Intelligence Unit, adds: "This.

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**BOC** Profit Results

**BOC International Ltd** 

Group profit, unaudited for the year to

30 September 1977 was:

Group share of associated companies\*

**GROUP TRADING PROFIT** 

**GROUP PROFIT BEFORE TAX** 

E-traordinary profits (losses) net.

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Condensed balance sheet as at 30 September 1977 Group capital employed, unaudited, at 30 Sept 1977 was:

1) Trading profit for the year to 30 September 1977 has been reduced by evira depreciation of C3-6 million provided in

2) Sterling strengthened against other major currencies during

5) Deferred to ation has been calculated in accordance with the

4) The balance sheet at 30 September 1977 includes obligations

b) As forecast at the time of the Rights Issue, the Directors

6) Books close for the final dividend and report and accounts to

Further copies of this report may be obtained from the Secretary,

BOC International Ltd., Hammersmith House, London, W6 9DX.

shareholders 20 February; final dividend payable 3 April;

recommend a final dividend of 1-795p nett per 25p ordinary share (1976: 1-6598p) making a total of 3-135p for the year (1976: 2-6598p). This is equivalent to 4-75p inclusive of tax

of £10-2 million under finance leases and related leased assets

rates ruling at 30 June 1977 had still applied.

September 1976 would have been £38-5 million.

respect of asset revaluations carried out during the financial

the last quarter of the financial year. Group trading profit for

the year viculd have been higher by £750,000 if exchange

proposed accounting standard ED19. The result has been to increase shareholders' funds at 30 September 1977 by £46-6 million. On the new basis the tax charge for the year to 30

Earnings per chare (adjusted for Rights Issue) 14.49p

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net of cash and deposits)

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shareholders' meeting 22 March.

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intangible substance of a good becoming image is a critical ingredient industry's earlier promise is to the goods in the product requirement, be fulfilled 1978 must witness o a report. This is all the more regrettable the beginnings of solid progress because, by and large, the industry does an honest enough job."

enough job."

Car manufacture, the report says, is "a hideously complex operation" and its troubles are not the monopoly of Britain's manufacturers; "it is just that Britain currently appears to be doing a more comprehensive

the beginnings of solid progress towards solving the funda-

mental weaknesses
The survey forecasts that new registrations of cars in the United Kingdom next year will ing for 50 per cent. Ford is predicted to remain market leader at least until 1980

As the Cabinet was meeting about 1.500 workers held a silent rally in the Bremen works and some 600 employees from Bremen demonstrated outside the Chancellory in Bonn.

the Chancehory in Bonn.

Herr Grüner said the Bonn
Defence Ministry intends to
place new orders with the group
to help it ove rthe cancellation
of the 614 project. The Bonn
Government also bopes that
France will shortly phace an
order for 25 Franco-Cerman
Transall transport averaft and
the group will benefit from this
order. The company should also
benefit from the increased
demand for the European airbus, which it helps to build.
If events turn out favourably,
VFW-Fokker could egain be VirW-Fokker could again be operating at a profit by 1979, Herr Grüner said.

#### **Economist urges** bid system for N Sea blocks By Our Industrial

University of Surrey.
Professor Robinson saw no special case for the amount of central regulation which already existed and still less for increasing control. It was not enough for Ministers to talk of the "national interest". Outlining measures that could e deployed to increase the

influence of market forces, Professor Robinson said the Froressor Robinson said the North Sea licence allocation system should be changed from award at government discretion to competitive bidding.

The perroleum revenue tax could be abandoned since the auction system for licences, in the absence of collusion would remove rent from the North Sea producers and give the Govern-meet an objective of maintain ing competition among the bidders.

bidders.

Writing in the latest issue of the oil quarterly published by Grieveson, Grant, he said powers on the depletion of oil and gas reserves needed to be modified. The detailed depletion on the depletion of oil and gas reserves medical depletion on the depletion of the property of tion control system, which intro-duced so much uncertainly and placed so much power in ministerial hands seemed largely unnecessary—"if not positively dangerous".

### UK takes up all £150m of regional aid quota the latest allocation

now taken up its total quota of £150.37m covering the period 1975-77, the Department of In-dustry announced last right.

The largest single regional recipient has been the north, which has received contributions totalling £44.38m, followed by Scotland with a rotal of £38.3m.

#### World steel output still declining

November crude steel production in the 29 countries belonging to the Liternational Iron and Steel Institute (IISI) totalled 35,381,000 metric tons. This was down 3.9 per cent from October and compared with a year ago. In the first 11 months of 1977, output was 3 per cent down on a year-to-year basis. The 3 per cent overall decline in the 11 months was mainly the result of a 6 per cent decline in EEC crude steel production and a 3.6 per-cent drop in United States pro-duction, the institute said.

#### BP and Brazil sign second offshore pact

A second Brazian offshore exploration contract, covering two blocks of 1,061 square miles each, has been signed by BP with Petrobras, the Brazi-lian store oil group. The first contract was signed in late 1976 and drilling began two weeks ago. Both agreements are on a risk contract basis.

#### Community jobless total unchanged

The number of people un-employed in the European Com-munity at the end of November was nearly six million, little changed from the two preced-

In brief

ing months. The seasonally adjusted figures showed no significant changes, the Community Statistics Office reported yesterday.

Unemployment in the Community as a whole was 5.7 per cent on a temporary basis—up from a revised 5.6 per cent in October. In November, 1976, the jobless level stood at 5.1 per cent.

#### Strong improvement in aluminium production

The International Primary Aluminium Institute yesterday reported that production by its members and corresponding compenies in November rose to 933,000 tennes, from 859,000

tonnes a year earlier.

Monthly production totals
this year were lowest in February at 842,000 tonnes and
highest. in October at 954,000 tonnes (revised). - ---

#### 3 pc economic growth forecast for next year

Economic growth next year of 3 per cent is forecast in the latest edition of the monthly Economic Outlook, produced by the London Business School. Much of this growth will be concentrated in the early part of the year, it says, when a sharp increase in personal inconsumer -boom.

In the second half of the year consumers' expenditure is expected to show only a modest increase as inflation gathers pace, although othis will be off-set by a higher level of fixed

#### the South West Producer Organisation (a fisheries organi-

zation), I have read a consultative document sent by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food to Fisheries Organisation Society governors and was appalled at the proposals put forward. With regard to the fishing in the South-west, we are already suffering a curback in income Guised by the curback in income caused by the mackerel quotas (which incid-

Sir, As a committee member of

mackerel quotas (which incidentally, we do see the need for, to stop the destruction that was being carried out).

The proposed increase in the minimum mesh size from 70mm to 90mm would be disastrous to this area. Unlike Scotland and

Existing boards could act to correct these deficiencies because they are, de facto, self-selecting. If every board made a serious effort to park its passengers and instead obtained the services of active managers

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Need to save the Common Fund

more progress with individual

commodity agreements and pressures for a Common Fund

This seems to me a grave mis-

calculation. First the technical

case for a Common Fund needs

to be understood. A commodity

stabilization scheme will pro-

duce a better result if it oper-

ates simultaneously with other commodity stabilization

commodity stabilization schemes. The industrial coun-

tries have not seen the wood for the trees: they have

approached the negotiations at

a rather low technical level,

both in their conception of the

design of individual schemes,

and in the analysis of their interaction with their own in-dustrial economies. It is a

difficult field certainly, but that

only makes it the more import-

ant to support individual com-

modity negotiations with much

better staff work than they

have commanded or can com-

mand individually.

The Group of 77 rightly feel

they are up against political rather than technical objections

from industrial countries, but

they will not shift those politi-

cal objections without deploy-

ing the technical strength of their case. The Group of 77 have argued that there must be

criteria for loans from the Com-mon Fund, and for subscrip-

tions to the Common Fund. This allows a greater flexibility than

the rigid and conservative ratio

of one to three of borrowing rights to deposits from indi-

vidual commodity schemes, pro-posed by the industrial coun-

tries. But it needs to be given more precision. The Group of

77 have felt that to get down

to technical detail would pre-judice their position in what

they feel is essentially a politi-cal issue. However, the oppo-

site is true, for it would expose the weakness of the industrial

countries' case.
The industrial countries on

haddock, only whiting and a few flat-fish. The cod and

Sea would be virtually un-affected by the 90mm mesh

regulation, purely because of the size of these species, whereas, whiting, red mullet, squid and sole under 12ozs (which constitute the major

part of the South-west fisheries

estches) will become practically

Not content with bringing the

A fishing industry put in jeopardy

will evaporate.

From Dr Jeremy Bray MP for

Sir, The suspension of the

Unctad negotiations on a Com-

mon Fund for commodity

stabilization calls for sober

reflection on the prospects for world trade and development. The Group of 77 developing

countries proposed that govern-ments should contribute directly to the Common Fund,

which should be able to finance

and intitiate mainly buffer stock but also other commodity

Faced with a united front

from developing countries, the

industrial countries put forward a proposal for the limited

pooling of funds by independently negotiated international commodity agreements, with the fund's operations governed by precise statutory rules which should be applied automatically. The developing

marically. The developing countries claimed on the other hand a decisive role in the management of the fund.

Four week's negotiations pro-duced only deadlock. The industrial countries, felt the Group of 77 had made no

resoonse to their concessions, while the Group of 77 felt the concessions did not offer the essential features of a Common

Fund—namely independent finance, initiative, and scope for wider actions. Britain, the

United States and Germany were the hard liners among

industrial countries, reversing the role we had previously

played in the Jamaica Common-wealth Conference and previ-

ously in support of developing country aspirations.

British ministers seem to believe that the United States

believe that the Dimted States Congress would never ratify the Group of 77 proposal, and that Germany is so hostile it has only gone as far as it has to avoid isolation. They further seem to believe that the Group of 77 is a fragile alliance, and it is only their Congress repre-

related schemes.

Motherwell and Wishaw

ernments who are interested in for trouble by seeking the Common Fund: a little dominate the management

the fund through individual

schemes. These are tactics that

invite displacement. The way

trial countries to accept the Group of 77's principles pro-

vided workable criteria can be found for leading from and subscriptions to the Common

Fund. If Britain were to move

in this direction, most of the

industrial countries would follow. Germany and the United States would be left

very isolated. In the last resort

much of the aim of commodity

stabilization could be achieved without formal United States

participation, if this were blocked by Congress. Six months of falling com-modity prices have played a role in damping interest among

industrial countries since they

agreed in Paris in June to the idea of a Common Fund. But

that is a narrow and short-sighted view. The fall is caused

by disappointing growth in demand in industrial countries,

and in turn causes weak demand for their exports to

commodity producers.

The world needs not just

three locomotive economies in the United States, Germany and Japan to pull it out of

recession, but a balanced net-work of stimuli of which a well-

conceived Common Fund could

be an important part. And furthermore what will happen when the boot is on the other foot? If the developing countries cannot make progress

on commodities with agree-ment, they will try to do so without. The destruction of the Common Fund proposal, as

the centrepiece of their aspirations for a new interna-

tional economic order, could ect as the same sort of politi-

cal trigger as the Arab Israel war did to Opec.

put out of business by taking

away the only alternative

the small tonnage of sprat, mackerel and horse-mackerel caught in the proposed prohibited period, these bans serve

see no sane reason for destroy.

ing the livelihood of an entire

fleet in the name of conserva-

heard before the proposed regu-

JEREMY BRAY.

House of Common

executives would be removed with much advantage to British Industry.

from non-competing companies then better assessment of chief

executives would result. Many of our less competent chief

We remain, yours sincerely, C. J. DAY: Pescoso Fisheries Ltd. 5 The New Fish Quay, Brixham TQ5 8AW.

the North, we have no cod and that the fishermen are finally

lations are enforced.

## Britain's offshore oil and gas reserves was urged yesterday by Professor Colin Robinson, Professor of Economics at the Securing Chief executives of the right calibre

From Lord Brown Sir, The letter from the Direc-tor of the Oxford Centre for Management Studies, in calling

Management Studies, in calling for a great debate on the responsibilities of British company directors, is timely. But, though a great debate may be necessary, surely some immediate action is called for which need not wait for the debate?

Too many of our ton-executive directors lack the operational, experience to judge whether their companies have not exceeded chief or have not got capable chief executives. Too many of our chief executives are also chair-

If boards insisted that different persons occupied the

panies. I find widespread agree- director then there would be

his colleagues in an assessment of the managing director's performance. The single largest variable in

the performance of a company is the calibre of the chief executive. What a pity it is that our institutional investors do not, as in Germany, take more interest in the composition of the boards of companies in which they in-

vest. Yours faithfully, WILFRED BROWN, 23 Prince Albert Road, London NW1.

## Business appointments

Royal Insurance's new group director

Mr J. Roy Nicholas, the Royal Insurance Group's chief; executive in the United States, has been made a director of the Royal, The Liverpool & London & Globe and The London & Lancashire insur-ance companies from January 1. Mr Frederick Waterhouse, chief

Mr Frederick Waterhouse, chief accountant of the plant protection division of Imperial Chemical Industries, will join the Post Office in February on a three-year secondment as member for finance; and corporate planning.

Mr Gavin Morton has been made deputy chairman of Blackwood Morton & Sons (Holdings) and Mr Geoffrey Kneen becomes a director. Mr I. M. Arnott and Mr F. Nicholls join the board of Blackwood Morton and Sons. Blackwood Morton and Sons. Mr C. J. Daniels has become a

director and chairman of Mills and Allen (Holdings). Mr S. C. F. Allen has resigned. The following changes have been made by Morgan Grenfell, to take effect from January 1: Mr G. M.

effect from January 1: Mr G. M.
Magan to be a director of
Morgan Grenfell; Mr J. Q. Davies,
Mr G. Dryden, Mr A. H. Dunn,
Mr D. P. Gallagher, and Mr J. C.
Smith, directors of Morgan Grenfell International; Mr M. J. Meyrick, director of Morgan Grenfell
Investments; Mr D. W. Wells,
director of Morgan Grenfell
Finance.

mas given up as inertiaging director but remains chairman.

Mr M. F. B. Bell becomes managing director of Cater Bros (Provisions) and has given up his post as joint managing director of Lutus. Mr Michael Ashworth, chairman

of Burrell & Co, is to join the board of the Burrell Colours subsidiary as chairman, Mr William Hedley, previously fipanne director, has been made director and general manager. Mr Ian Birkenshaw. manufacturing directortor respectively. Mr Brian Howe is director responsible for pur-chasing and planning, Mr David King, sales director and Dr Bric Inman, director responsible for Innan, director responsible for research and development. Mr Graham Burrell becomes deputy chairman of Burrell Colours. Mr Hedley will be responsible for corporate fisance, and Mr Howe for corporate strategy. Mr King

is resigning from the Burrell board.

Dr Ian Norris has been made managing director of Belfast Ropework Company and Mr Mr A. M. French has become

Investments: Mr D. W. Wells, director of Morgan Grenfell Finance.

Mr W. E. K. Grisewood, formerly managing director and chairman of Conoco, has joined the board of Sirycon.

Mr John Greenborough is to be the new president of the Content of British Industry. He succeeds Lord Watkinson from January E. Mr Greenborough is deputy chairman and managing director of Shell UK.

Mr W. G. Brown and Mr B. H. Wilden have been made joint managing directors of Gill and Duffus Landauer. Mr R. J. Thorne

Mr B. M. Clarke, deputy estates officer with South Eastern Gas, is to be director of property resources for British Shipbuilders from January 1.

Mr Ivor Guild has been made a director of London and Holyrood Trust.

Mr N. K. S. Wills has been made a director of initial Services and elected a deputy chairman in place of Mr W. M. Drayers. Mr John Churchfield is now managing director of Temple-borough Rolling Mills. Captain J. P. C. Dowie is to become operations director of Ocean Fleets on April 1. Captain G. D. Pari Huws becomes a direc-

tor on January 1, Mr T. P. Caldicott is to be deputy general manager and personnel director from April. Mr P. Criffiths is the new anaging director of Mangood. Mr Simon Pratt has been made a "director of Canny Bowen &

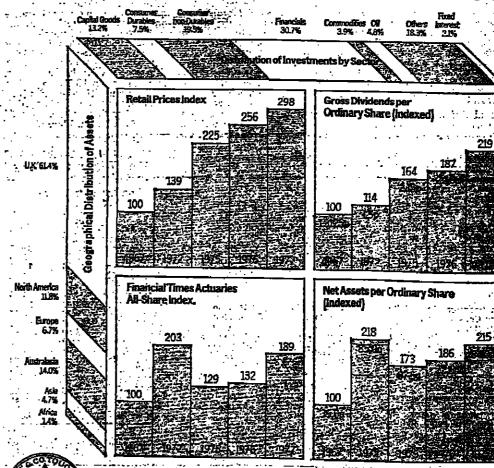
Mr Brian Farmer, group manag-ing director of S. W. Farmer Group, becomes chairman and chief executive. Mr Sydney Farmer retires as chairman but remains on the board in a non-executive capacity. Mr Paul Goldschmidt has been elected a director of Goldman Sachs International Corporation.

Mr Iain Auld has joined the board of CRC Information Systems and has been made chief executive of the CRC Group.

Mr Henry Safran, manager of Bache Halsey Stuart, Shields in Loudon, has been elected chair-

### roles of chairman and managing men of the boards of their com-**Investment Trust** Limited

Total Assets at 31st August 1977: £14.7 million.



A member of the Touche, Remnant Management Group. Total funds under Group Management exceed 750 million.

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Economic notebook

#### BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

### New possibilities for overseas investment

over in what has often been a notoriously

thin market at times will increase thereby

reducing the volatility that has caused so

much uncertainty for holders of overseas

shares. Turnover increased some 10-15 times

when the pool was doubled with the intro

duction of sterling area countries four years

ago and dealers yesterday were expecting

turnover next year to be some five times

Whether the abolition of the surrender

rule has come in time to attract the business

in overseas shares back to London is a moo

point, especially as jobbers will still have to

compete with the net prices quoted by

With full year profits of £82.2m, BOC International has achieved its September

forecast by only the barest of margins. And

although that represents a near 12 per cent

improvement on 1975-76 the deterioration

in trading conditions throughout the year has been marked. So, after 30 per cent

growth in the first quarter there was a progressive deceleration with growth of 19 per cent in the second; 6 per cent in the

third and less than 2 per cent in the final

Since BOC's first quarter this year will have to embrace both heavy strike costs and

serious adverse currency swings, the omens

for the short-term are therefore extremely

discouraging. Excluding the plan to con-solidate the enlarged Airco stake, probably

for eight months, BOC will be badly in need

of some general world economic revival from next spring if it is to improve on this year's figures at all. Airco will, of course,

make a big difference, but its underlying

earnings are as flat as BOC's so the impact

on earnings per share will not be great. Thanks partly to a £46.6m intake of deferred

tax and partly to the rights issue borrowings are down from 63 to 40 per cent of share

holders' funds, but the stronger balance sheet is presently the only glimmer of light for the shares

Allegheny proposes to acquire Wilkinson

without making an offer for its shares. So

the majority of the shareholders will not

have the opportunity of accepting the 260p

which was paid to Swedish Match for a 29

per cent stake on Monday, a 27 per cent

deal both in its constituent parts—the buy-

ing of the 29 per cent stake, and the proposal to issue Wilkinson Match shares for

an Allegheny subsidiary, True Temper,

which would give Allegheny more than 50

The Panel's requirement that shareholders

should have the right to vote on the second

proposal after the deal has been vetted by

the companies advisers. Hambros Bank, and

that Allegheny should be disenfranchised at

the meeting, but that Allegheny should not

be obliged to make a general offer to the

resulting minority, is based on a practice

for an acquisition results in more than 30.

per cent of the votes changing hands, the normal requirement to make a bid will

usually be waived providing there is a vote in favour of an extraordinary meeting.

The complexity here is that Allegheny

had acquired just under the level that would

trigger a bid before the second deal was

proposed. It seems difficult to believe that

shareholders will get a better deal this way

than they would have received had Alle-

gheny made a full offer. Allegheny clearly

wants to keep a British quote. Without it

the chances of the Monopolies Commission

letting such a deal go through would be

The institutions will decide this issue with

30 per cent of the equity. On balance the

Panel is probably right to let shareholders

decide. But the problem is that board recom-

mendations will naturally carry much

ing separate advice.

This says that where an issue of shares

per cent of Wilkinson Match.

note in the Code.

The Takeover Panel has considered the

premium over the then market price.

Wilkinson Match

The American

proposal

United States dealers in London.

higher as speculative interest wells up.

The 25 per cent surrender rule has been a constant there in the side of the investment community since it was introduced in 1965. Whatever one may have thought about the desirability of what amounted to an auto-matic tax on most overseas investment, here was little argument about the deleterious effect the surrender rule was having on the management of everseas portfolios. Every time an investor in a premium stock wished to switch to improve portfolio performance he had to take into consideration the cost of the surrender involved in that switch—a cost on the same kind of scale that was killing off so much private investment in the domestic market. What, though, are the implications of the abolition of the surrender rule? The widespread view is that it is bound to stimulate investment in overseas stocks. The point of disagreement concerns the scale. The arryments for expecting considerably increased interest in overseas stocks are that there is little risk that the premium itself will be

The arguments against expecting more than a marginal increase in funds headed overseas are the strength of sterling and, more particularly, the fact that many investors may not be prepared to bid the premium up all that much further in what can often be a very narrow market.

abolished in the foreseeable future

At this stage, then, it is difficult to esti-mate the likely scale of any diversion of funds away from the domestic equity market. Whether or not any diversion will prove important, moreover, will depend on how much money the Government leaves around for total equity investment after it has creamed off enough to meet its own

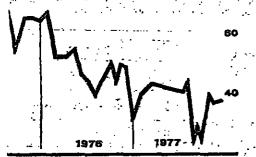
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Meanwhile, those involved in the investment currency market have been half-expecting changes in the regulations for the past six months with abolition of the irksome 25 per cent surrender rule—whereby sellers of investment currency have to sell a quarter at the official exchange rate—an odds-on favourite to go.

Being a quintessentially professional market, with the number of dealers down to single figures and the lion's share of turnover stemming from institutional investors, vesterday's abolition then will not come as a bolt from the blue with the market arguably having discounted this

eventuality long ago. For all that, however, there will still be some imperfections in the market to be ironed out as private holders of overseas shares taking this opportunity to sell shares acquired in the palmy days of the Hongkong stockmarket boom or the 1972-74 gold share frolics. Not that there was much sign of this yesterday with the premium edging up some three-quarters of a point to an effective . 39.4 per cent. But over the next few days increased selling could produce some reaction as investors take advantage of the 7 per cent or so extra they will now enjoy as a result of the surrender rule's abolition.

After that, however, the premium is likely to harden as British fund managers take the opportunity of diversifying their portfolios overseas which up till now they have been chary to do since this has involved taking a view not simply on overseas stockmarkets

but the dollar premium as well. All the same many dealers now feel that an effective level around the 40 per cent mark is about right in the light of the relative attractions of the United Kingdom and overseas markets and with the South African stockmarker off-limits for many fund managers. Yet yesterday's move also removes the risk that the premium will be phased out entirely, at least in the short-run. which was one of the major reasons for the

sharp shakeout in August this year.

### Sterling on the boil again?

money targets, was followed by something of an anticlimax. Those was lad passionately argued against the "float"

argued against the "float" watched with relief as the ound settled down to a remarkably steady trade-weighted value, only about 11 per cent higher than its pre-October 31 pegged rate.
Frowns are now appearing on

three days there has been a perceptible revival of interest in sterling in the foreign ex-

change markets.

The pound's effective exchange rate index has risen by a further 14 per cent this week. It has strengthened against the "bard currency" Deutsche mark and yen, as well as against the United States dollar and the weaker European currencies. The exchange control relaxa-tions announced yesterday may do something to alleviate up-ward pressure on sterling. But there are several reasons for supposing that Britain may not enjoy its position on the cur-rency sidelines for much longer. One reason is the German decision list week to impose curbs on the speculative inflows curbs on the speculative inflows which have sent the mark soar-ing by nearly 10 per cent against the dollar in the past better outlook on the wages

front.

The stuffing was knocked out of the pound's initial bounce in November by the miners' rejection of a productivity deal and the fears to which this gave rise of industrial unrest and a explosion.

pay explosion.

Hopes that this pay round will not be too expensive, after all, are now building up in the markets. Confidence has also markets. Confidence has also been improved by the latest set of economic indicators. Inflation is falling fast, and the current account surplus is getting bigger, even if real economic, growth remeins elusive.

A flood of capital into Britain on top of the expected current account surplus next year would really test the Government's decision to let the pound float free. The signs are though.

free. The signs are, though, that it would stand firm.

After all, the "uncapping" was expected to lead to a significant appreciation. The fact of its coming later than expected would be no reason for an official change of heart, where the appreciation was a standard to the significant change of heart, where the appreciation was a standard to the significant change of heart, where the appreciation was a standard to the significant change of the significant unless the appreciation extremely sharp.

Mr Callaghan is probably happier With a rising rate although most advisers prefer

the pound to fall

The Government still puts a high priority on firm control of the money supply (albeit at yet unspecified rate in 1978a yet unspecified rate in 197879). This would seem to rule
out large-scale intervention in
the foreign exchange markets.
Inward exchange controls would
be an unlikely last resort in
the event of luge inflows.

Quite apert, of course, from
the economic arguments for or
against a higher pound; there
is the politicians' predilection
for a strong currency. The

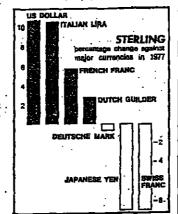
for a strong currency. The Prime Minister is probably happier when the rate is rising than when it is falling, even if his counterparts in Germany, Japan and Switzerland are now bemosahing the rise in their currences. Currencies. However, the majority of the Government's advisers would rather see the pound fall than rise next year. They believe that the damaging effects of an

orices.
Officials in the Treasury and the Bank of England, and industrialists in the Confederation of weight, and there is a strong case for the minority shareholders in Wilkinson receiv-

initial loss of competitiveness on growth and profitability out-weigh the beneficial effect on

The dramatic build-up of pressure on sterling this autumn, ing an anxious watch on the which eventually forced the currency markets—and the out-Government to take the lid off look for the United States the pound in order to save its dollar is of key importance in money rargers, was followed by assessing the likely demand for the pounds. The huge American current account deficit has undermined the currency this

year.
The widening United States trade gap results in large part from the faster growth in America than elsewhere. The Administration is extremely unlikely to revise its views on the need for growth next year and is hoping that the pressure of currency changes will force others to expand their own



Reflation by the Germans and Japanese, large enough to close the payments gap, is unlikely, so there will probably be plenty dollar funds looking for a safe currency home next year.

It is too soon to judge whether the German measures will effectively shut their door.
The similar Japanese attempt
last month must be judged a
failure. Their central bank is again intervening massively to hold down the yen. Most dealers expect the German controls to go the same way, but they could lead to some switch of attention to pounds.

Estimates of the capital out flows which will result from the new relaxation measures in the United Kingdom are also difficult to make. The Bank of England expects the abolition of the surrender rule to have direct effect of about £200m (\$375m) next year.

Relaxation of the rules governing direct overseas invest-ment could prompt some com-panies to switch their excess sterling funds into Europe.

Britain's economic prospects are clearly nor as bright as those in West Germany, Japan or Switzerland. Nor is the pound the one-way bet for speculators which it seemed before "uncapping". But the two indicators of most importance to foreign exchange markets—prices and the balance of payments—are set fair for the next six months.

the horizons of the currency markets.

Money growth over the next few months will be faster than earlier this year and the sluggish growth of the economy this year, which has tended to bolster financial confidence, will be succeeded by some expan-However, barring a sudden

explosion in pay, confidence in sterling (shown in a recent survey by Amex bank to be much greater among foreigners than among the British themselves) is likely to push the pound higher. With a record level of com-

panies reporting prices as a constraint on export sales even before the upward float, a con-sumer boom in the offing and evidence that Britain's already high propensity to buy foreign has intensified recently, that is a worrying prospect. It makes it even more important that Britain's cost inflation be beaten -which means more produc-tivity and not too high wage settlements.

Caroline Atkinson

Europe. Democracy must be able to provide international justice, he says.

If it is any consolation to Callaghan, the president described of the consolation of the c

cribed Chancellor Schmidt of West Germany as even more of

a conservative and capitalist.

For the last 22 years, Paul

Kolton has been running one or other of America's largest stock

exchanges. At the end of this

month, however, he leaves the securities business.
Kolton, aged 54, head of the

American Stock Exchange, is to become the first independent chairman of the Financial

Accounting Standards Advisory Council, which helps formulate decisions to be taken by the Financial Accounting Standards

The chairmanship of the council is traditionally held by

the chairman of the standards

## Rolls-Royce: a juicy Iliquidation

On February 4, 1971, the inconccivable happened. Rolls-Royce, the pride of British engineering and advanced recunology, collapsed. It-brought an effective end to the Aug 1972 then Conservative government's lame-duck policy and dealt an anprecedented psychological blow to the business community. The collapse was one of the key factors which destroyed the confidence of the

small investor.

A name, which had been a synonym for excellence, which the nation had lauded only the nation had lauded only three years previously for its exceptional ability in winting a contract to supply RB211 aero-engines to the giant American Lockheed corporation, had proved to be a thing

Lockbeed can never have believed that the British government would let Rolls. Royce go under; but in the end the company went into hundral days and the company went into the company went into the company went into the company went into the company went in the company went shareholders could have then expected to get nothing in return for their supplies and faith. The most amazing part of

the Rolls-Royce story is that the lighted in of the company has raised doubts over whether the plug should have been pulled in the first place. Those

pulled in the first place. Those doubts are misplaced. The process of liquidation has nevertheless been quite remarkable and certainly unique.

Last month the receiver and joint liquidator, Mr Rupert Nicholson, who was appointed by Guardian Royal Exchange, a debenture holder, on the day of the collarge appropriet the of the collapse, announced the fifth and final payment to snareholders of 6.7p to be made before the final winding up of

the old business.

That inade a total of 61.7p paid on 80,000 shares with a nominal value of £1, which it had been possible to pick up for less than Ip (3p) after the col-lapse and for 35p (7s 3d) the day before the collapse. Nearly £130m has been paid

our to unsecured creditors, £57.2m to debenture holders, £57.2m to debenture holders, and £8.9m to preferential credi-tors since the setting up of R-R Realisations in August, 1971, to deal with the liquidation of the collapsed company.

The liquidation and receiver-ship has taken £3.7m in remuneration and costs, but that has been more than covered by the interest received on money realized.

"I have not done any miracles, I have just avoided any bad liquidation losses";

any bad liquidation losses"; says Mr Nicholson, but there is more modesty there than is characteristic.

In fact the liquidation has been a tour-de-force which has gone through a number of critical phases, all of which, if they had gone wrong, could have left very little for either creditors or shareholders.

"The critical point" Mr "The critical point". Mr. icholson explains, "was to

Nicholson explains, "was to turn all stock into sales to col-lect debts to Rolls-Royce".

PROGRESS OF LIQUIDATION'. Feb 1971

Payment of 15p to unsecured Dec. 1972 Sale of shares in BAC for

March 1973 Second pay unsecured creditors. ce Molors floated

off for £38.4m₁.

Agreement reached with Government at £87.9m for price of aero-engine assets, creditors to be paid in full. Estimated 10p to 30p for shareholders.

First payout of 25p to share-July 1974

Feb 1975 Third payout of 15p. Feb 1976

Fourth payout. Nov 1977 Final payout promised of 8.7p; next payout immediately before winding up.

Total payout to shareholder nomina) value of shares vest price 3d; highest 1970 price 25s.

collapse, because a receiver alone has the power to re-nounce contracts. Thus the government had to take a backdoor route to get what it wanted and in doing so it put creditors It was clearly essential

keep work going on the RB211.
The government, therefore, sgreed to indemnify the receiver against further losses for carrying on work, while Rupert Nicholson himself arranged with Lockheed to waive damages, so there were none of the usual losses on liquidation arising from the shutting down of plant.

down of plant.

By March, 1971, heads of agreement had been signed by the government for the sale of the acro-engine business on a willing buyer/willing seller

Even so, the whole pack of cards almost collapsed as some major subcontractors asked for payment in full and threatened

"That was a near go", Mr Nicholson says. "They nearly brought us to a standstill, but I managed to get them to agree to reduce the stranglehold and continue to support us."

Before negotiations on the

serore negotiations on the aero business really started in earnest. Mr Nicholson sold his first big asset—Rolls-Royce's sheres in the British Aircraft Corporation, which still had turned into "a long and drawn out affair".

BAC was a big prize which both the remaining partners, Vickers and GEC, would have been delighted to control while Hawker Siddeley was waiting eagerly in the wings. A tendent The government had been porary agreement was reached unable to nationalize RollsRoyce and then renege on the Lockheed contract without breaking the law. That was why it was necessary to let Rolls was reached.

Richardson Westgarth and Austin & Pickersgill, for which he is the shareholders' representation at GEC, was given the running of the company while a solubreaking the law. That was why it was necessary to let Rolls was reached.

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"Eventually Sir Arnold came on the telephone and said you still haven't sold those shares, as a receiver you will have to sell, but I told him that as he was running the company so well I was quite happy to wait."

An agreement was reached the accept the procedure for sale in BAC's articles of association. The auditors, as: 26.25m on the shares, loans and a company, which had not been part of the original merger, were sold countly to Vickers and GEC.

Meanwhile, negotiation, were under way on the heads of agreement for the aero-engine businesses. The guiding hand on the government side was Sir Henry Benson, then senior partner of Cooper Bruthers, the accountancy firm which had been preparing a report on Rolls-Royce before the crash.

In the event it proved impossible to reach agreement on a price. Mr Nicholson valued the aero-engine business at £162m and the government side thought it was worth £33.5m. A payment of £30m was made on account and Mr Walter Parker, Waterhouse was chosen as en

The crux of the matter, however, rested on interpretation of the "heads of agreement", and particularly of the willing buyer/willing seller clause. A judgment was given by Mr Justice Bagnall, sitting as a legal expert, which has never result the two sides come to an agreed, figure of £87.9m. In June, 1973, it was clear there would be something for share-

holders. Before that, however, Nicholson, now aided by William Slimmings and Keith Wickenden—then accountants Thorton Baker and now chairman of European Ferries—as joint liquidators, had successfully concluded the biggest offer-for-sale since the war, letting the public subscribe for shares in Rolls-Royce

" It was one of the only times a receiver has promoted an offer-for-sale. I had very good support from Rothschilds v ho had put up the best scheme." It raised nearly £40m and offered the company on a pros-pective p/e of 16.1, which was way above the sector, praving that, after all, a Rolls-Royre was still a Rolls-Royce, the cirthat every top person wants

With aero-engines, motors and the BAC stake out of the way, there was only tidying up left to do, but nearly seven years later the liquidation still continues.

Within 12 months, then, R.R. Realisations should be finally Nicholson to concentrate on his receivership with Court Line and the fight with the Government over the nationalization of

#### National Thermal Power Corporation Ltd. A GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ENTERPRISE)

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## Business Diary: Post early? • Two for Monopoly

somebody willing to serve as Post Office board member for finance and corporate plan-

7 million

He is Frederick Waterhouse, the 45-year-old chief accountant of the plant protection division of ICI. He will come in at the peginning of February on a three-year secondment. His predecessor, Maurice Elderfield, quit at the end of last year to become finance.

56-year-old Charles Beauchamp srepped in as acting board mem-

enior director, central planning

First, there are the recom-mendations of this year's Carter committee, which says the Post ications functions should be

Secondly, the Post Office pardroom is from January 1, be the laboratory in which the Government is to test its notions of industrial democracy. Seven trade union and two consumer representatives are to ioin the board in a two-year experiment. So far, the Post office unions can agree neither. n the nominations not on the

Carter recommendations.
The consumer communicus are likely to be made any day part-time directorships an for the full-time ones. Rusiness Diary understands that there were 1,500 applications

Eric Varley, the Secretary of when the jobs were advertised. State for Industry, has at last been presented with the name 'E The Monopolies and Mergers Commission, which may itself be merged with the Price Com-

mission, gained two new mem-bers yesterday, bringing the membership to 27. They are Tadeusz Rybczynski, the economics adviser at Lazard Brothers, and Kenneth George, professor of economics at Uni-· College, Cardiff. versity Rybezyuski is a governor of the National Institute for Economic and Social Research. director of Ferranti. In April of this year the Post Office's

But the commission's line-up of members will go back to the customary 25 later next year because two long servers will stand down. They are Tibor Barna, the Two things have served to professor who has been on make the Post Office job even commission since 1963; and assattractive to outsiders than. Basil Yamey, professor of economics at the London School of mics at the London School of the who went on the Economics, who went on the commission in 1966. Both are still busy on commission in-

> The commission, which is chaired by the barrister, Godfray Le Quesne, has always been something of an eyric of legal eagles, and can often take two to three years to complete . an inquiry.

Right hand, left hand: yesterday was the day that the Euro-pean Commission decided that it would interfere in the pric-ing policies of the whisky dis-tillers DCL, a move which the company says will force it to remove its Johnnie Walker Red now. There was slightly more Label brand from the British mithusiasm for these £1,000 a market. Yesterday was also the part-time directorships day it was learnt that £2m will be paid out of the EEC regional fund to establish a new whisky blending and bottling plant-



Continued caution and prosperity - from someone signing himself IMF."

W Venezuela's President Carlos Andres Perez, host to the Opec meeting believes that Britain's Prime Minister is a conserva-tive capitalist in his dealings with the Third World and that his social democrat colleagues in Europe are even worse.

His suspicions were aroused during a visit to London earlier during a visit to London earlier
this year when Calleghan
asked Cap, as he is known in
Venezuela, why Opec would not
let the industrialized countries
get richer. According to the
Calleghan reckonings a richer
developed world is better
equipped to help the poorer
natious.

Evidently Callaghan likened.

for John Walker and Sons, a the world economy to a DCL subsidiary, making Red cake which, if allowed to grow, would provide higher characters would provide bigger shares for all when they were handed out. But he failed to tell the visiting president how long it would take to grow, the size of the shares to be hended out and a date for this momentus event.

sound like a social democrat speaking. It was what we are told by capitalists in any coun-try, he said after announcing his own plans for helping the Third World reduce indebtedness to the industrial nations.

He was particularly stung by the fact that the conservative government in Sweden has said it will write off \$200m out of the \$180,000m owed by the developing countries, a lead so far not followed by any of the social democrat countries of

board, but the nation's accoun-tants now believe it's time to have an independent adviser.

This will be only a part-time job for the active Kolton and he will soon he care. he will soon be seen on the boards of many American com-panies. He is already a director of Standard Brands, the Security Regulation Institute and the New York Institute of Finance "I told him that this did not among others.

Le started on the New York Stock Exchange in 1955 as a public information officer. He moved from the role of execu-tive vice-president of the Amex 1962 to president in 1971: and to chairman and president in 1972.

Sparkling wine remains sub ject to a flat-rate surcharge "-

### **Anglo American Corporation** of South Africa, Limited

Gold mining companies in the Orange Free State

ALL COMPANIES ARE INCORPORATED IN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Mr D. A. Etheredge and Mr D. B. Hoffe discussed the following topics in their chairmen's statements for the year ended 30th September, 1977.

On all the Group mines, working costs have been affected by the increases in cost of consumable stores and electric power where the rates of escalation have outstripped those of labour in general. The mining industry is the largest individual power consumer in the country taking approximately 22 per cent of Escom's production in 1976 and with recent increases in price, power costs have become a significant element in the cost of mining at depth, accounting on average for nearly eight per cent of the working costs of all gold mine members of the Chamber of Mines. From January 1976 to September 1977. increases in the cost of power from Escom have raised the cost of electricity by 60 per cent.

A further increase of 20 per cent is scheduled for the Orange Free State area in January 1978. These increases have been brought about by Escom in order to provide in part for the finance for their proposed expansion programme in view of the fact that the traditional source of capital, foreign loans, is no longer available because of the political climate. It is of great importance that Escom should find some way out of its dilemma as tariff increases of this magnitude have the effect of shortening the lives of the mines.

Working costs during the year have risen appreciably. Total working costs for the Group's Orange Free State mines rose by 20 per cent although on a unit ton milled basis this represents an increase of 11 per cent.

In August 1976 it became apparent that speculative overselling had driven the market price down to an artificially low level and that little account had been taken of the solid industrial demand which existed and then began to emerge clearly at a higher than anticipated level. By early November the price had risen to \$130 and it remained at this level until the middle of February. The apparent equilibrium in the market over this period indicated that the level of industrial demand was strong enough to balance supply. At this time it also became clear that the IMF auctions had become accepted as a normal factor the market, this being particularly so once the auctions had

been moved to a monthly basis.
In March the price finally moved above \$140 and movements during the ensuing months were small, again demonstrating an inherent stability in the market. Only in September did the price finally break through \$150 with the return of increased investment demand as a result of the weakening dollar and the continuing fall in Wall Street. For the first time this year speculators began to make their presence felt and with the continuing weakness of the dollar their influence moved the price above \$160.

Even at current levels the market appears strong. Sales to the Middle East have fallen off slightly but this has been balanced by increased activity in Hongkong and Singapore during the second half of the year.

At the same time industrial demand in Europe has been

maintained. This is largely explained by the fact that the weakening dollar has meant that the cost of gold purchased by the European fabricators in their own currencies has not risen in step with increases in the dollar price of gold.

Krugerrand sales continue at an acceptable level and an extended marketing plan to cover all Europe is under preparational Gold Corporation. The promotion campaign in the United States has also had an impact and world-wide sales of the coin this year are again expected to be of the order of three million coins accounting for over 90 tons of SA gold production. Promotional activities have lately been sely affected by US attitudes to political developments in

adversely affected by US attitudes to political developments in South Africa but sales of coins continue strongly.

The year has shown that total gold production has been easily absorbed by the market at a rising price, largely on industrial demand, and this trend should continue next year provided speculation does not disturb steady growth. If this does happen significantly higher prices could eventuate but this would be coupled with a greater degree of instability in the market.

approvals to enable it to amend its articles to do away with the official price of gold and to allow central banks to trade at market prices. It is expected that ratification will take place early next year at which time the South African mines will immediately receive market value for any gold delivered to

#### Joint metallurgical complex

The Joint Metallurgical Scheme (JMS), to recover gold, The Joint Metallurgical Scheme (JMS), to recover gold, uranium and sulphur from slimes, came on stream this year. The recovery of the uranium from slime began in March and that from pyrite concentrate in July and by the end of September 913 000 tons of slime, predominantly from Free State Saaiplaas, and 54 000 tons of concentrate had been treated to produce a profit of R3 800 000. The pre-production revenue from the flotation plants, the acid plant and the calcine plant which also began processing during the year was capitalised up to and including September 30. From October 1, these plants have been fully operational and although considerable problems. nave been fully operational and although considerable problems have been encountered in obtaining rated canacities and recoveries—particularly in the float plants where design throughputs and recoveries have yet to be achieved—the participants remain confident that the potential of the JMS will be realised in the current financial-year.

The JMS venture is by its nature extremely complex. Each mine that contributes feed to the scheme at all times retains ownership of both the minerals and the residue and has an individual commitment to produce uranium against the peace. have been fully operational and although considerable problems

individual commitment, to produce uranium against the negotiated supply contracts. Principles have been adopted in order to ensure an equitable distribution of the costs and revenues and in order to optimise profits. Application of these principles has allowed us to calculate the projected value of each mine's ability to supply so that the consumer finance obtained as part of uranium contracts could be allocated to each mine accordingly. The production costs incurred by the various plants in the production of pytite, uranium, acid or gold are allocated to each contributor proportionate to its prime input or feed to each particular plant. Furthermore, those mines which constructed plant are charging a process levy on throughput in order to provide an adequate return on the

capital outlay involved in the plant construction.

These arrangements have called for an unusually complex administrative procedure which in due course will be

plex administrative procedure which in due course will be facilitated by the use of computers.

During the year a further long-term uranium supply contract was negotiated which necessitates the extension of the high grade slimes treatment facilities for the production of nigh grace stimes treatment facilities for the production of uranium at President Brand. The supply contract includes provision for a consumer loan which will go towards the financing of the project as has been the procedure in the past. A project team has been assembled and design and planning work is in progress on a plant extension which will have a treatment capacity of 180 000 tons a month which will be drawn from all mines having high grade slime thus excluding Free State Geduld and Western Holdings, it is anticipated that

At the time of the previous review, local economic conditions were deteriorating in sympathy with the increasing degree of political instability on the African sub-continent. It is unfortu-nate that this trend has continued into what must now be called a serious decression. However, while this situation is of major concern to industry and the country in general, it has provided some relief to the country's gold mining companies in that it has improved the supply of black labour from the urban areas and homelands. In so doing, it has to some extent alleviated the pressures developing as a result of rising unemployment. All Group mines have operated at full complement for most of the year and the unrest which characterised our recent history has been absent. Unfortunately, the poor economic conditions have not eliminated the shortfall of skilled white labour. There has been a continuing shortage of white miners and electricians. The position has been severely aggravated by the demands for military service as young men compared to the demands for military service as young men compared to the demands for military service as young men compared to the demands for military service as young men compared to the demands for military service as young men compared to the demands for military service as young men compared to the demands for military service as young men compared to the demands for military service as young men compared to the demands for military service as young men compared to the shortfall of the prise a high percentage of the staff, particularly in the key production areas. The continuing shortage of whites brings into focus the restrictive influences of job reservation which preclude the mines from developing and utilising the available skills amongst black workers. Given the current political climate and the rising aspirations of the black population, not only do we face problems in maintaining planned levels of production but also the prospect of future unrest has to be considered which could arise out of increasing black frustrations.

During the year the gold mines of the Anglo American Corporation group have been paying particular attention to the industrial relations needs of the era of relatively rapid change which we believe lies ahead. We have, for instance, run a large number of five-day courses for mine employees. These courses were initially for management and officials and were extended to white miners and artisans. We believe that the courses are having an important impact, not only on knowledge, but also on attitudes. In order to complement the changes which are required over the next few years and to ensure the best use of our manpower resources, bearing in mind the existing and predictably growing shortage of whites for semi-skilled and skilled positions on the mines, it is crucial to develop amongst employees attitudes of mind which support the philosophy behind these changes. The white employee is an indispensable factor in the running of our mines but, not surprisingly, he views the advancement of blacks with some approphension in terms of his our line security.

apprehension in terms of his own job security.

We have therefore issued an informatory circular to all white officials and union men in which we have set out, in general terms, the principles which will guide us. We have made it clear that there are no grounds on which racial dis-crimination can be justified and that no company in South Africa can escape its responsibility for improving the job opportunities available to its black employees. We undertake, however, that proposed changes in labour utilisation will be discussed with white employees and the associations and unions which represent them. Existing white employees are promised that they will neither lose employment with the compromised that they will neither lose employment with the company nor suffer a drop in pay as a result of any alteration in labour utilisation. Moreover, an undertaking is given that no job held by a white employee will go to a black at a lower rate of pay on the sole criterion of reducing costs. Reference is made to the use of sound job evaluation techniques—in our case the Paterson Plan—to determine the work content of the and their refer of the patents of the paten jobs and their rates of pay and to the maintenance of existing standards of work, selection criteria and training.

The circular was made available to all white employees on Angio American gold mines and has not been the subject of adverse reaction other than in isolated instances. Further circulars will be issued from time to time to clarify aspects of our industrial relations policy. We sincerely hope that white employees will see in these circulars our determination to bring about changes in the labour field in such a way that they can confidently co-operate with us.

#### Wiehahn Commission

An important catalyst in this field has been the appointment by the Minister of Labour and Mines of a Commission of Enquiry under the chairmanship of Professor Wiehahn, with terms of reference covering every aspect of industrial relations and charged with recommending legislative changes to improve the in concert with o submitting evidence to the Commission and look forward with great interest to its report.

We reported last year that the proposed 11-shift fortnight, the first step towards the introduction of a five-day working week, would become effective on April 1, 1977. This change was duly introduced and while it has yet proved too difficult to quantify the effects of the 11-shift fortnight, certain immediate problems have become apparent. On several mines in the Orange Free State it has been necessary to increase labour complements in order to maintain production. This has had an adverse impact on working costs. Furthermore, the reallocation adverse impact on working costs. Furthermore, the realification of resources, to particular labour, has been necessary in order to maintain stoping activity and there has been a consequent decline in development work. The overall implications of the scheme appear to be that operaling costs will increase as a result of decreases in productivity. However, the Franzsen Commission appointed by the government has embarked on an in-depth study of the effects on the industry and its findings

In the light of the stringent economic conditions in South Africa and the country's continuing, high fevel of inflation, wage increases were kept at a minimum. The pay increase in August, for all white employees was limited to about five per cent on basic rates. This is the second successive year in which the industry's whites have accepted pay increases which are substantially less than the advance in the Consumer Price Index reflecting a situation where real incomes are declining. Of course, the impact of this is lessened to the extent that we continue to provide extensive fringe benefits at minimal cost to employees. Wage increases for black workers were also treated with restraint and overall increases were limited to six

During the year under review, considerable attention has been given to the question of housing with particular reference to accommodation for blacks and coloureds. An agreement in principle has been reached with the Department of Bantu Administration and Development to allow the housing of key black workers in black urban residential areas without the historical limitation that the numbers housed do not exceed three per cent of the workforce. In addition, blacks in possession of residential rights in an urban area will be allowed to retain

This represents an important concession to the mining industry and provides a meaningful opportunity to overcome, at least in part, the problems we have encountered for so long under the migratory system. In consequence, the Group Orange Free State mines acting jointly have embarked on the construc-tion of an initial 175 houses in an ongoing programme in the Thabong township in Welkom. A programme for the housing of coloured employees was also initiated by the Group Orange Free State mines during the year, and to date 100 houses for married employees and a single quarters block to house 32 men have been built. A further 60 houses will be constructed in 1978. At present, the houses are provided to coloureds under a lease arrangement through the Welkom Municipality, but a home ownership scheme will be considered in due course. Formerly, the mines employed few coloureds, but the introduction of the JMS has provided the opportunity to employ them as plant operators.

#### SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

Gold production on Anglo American Corporation's Orange Free State mines

	F	i · -	٠٠.	Gold .		r Cost	ı.Profit ı
	1	Working	Tons	produced	Yield	per ton	per ton
		profit	. milled	(kg)	<u>(g/t)</u>	milled.	milled
President Brand Gold Mining Company Limited Chairman: Mr D. A. Etheredge	1 <b>977</b> 76	<b>R54,064,000</b> R70,700,000	3,093,000 2,967,000	<b>32,656</b> 38,508	10.56 12.98	R22,12 R19.56	R17.48 R23.83
President Steyn Gold Mining Company Limited Chairman: Mr D. A. Etheredge	1977 76	R26,277,000 R32,965,000	2,593,000	26,816 27,272	8.65 10.52	R23.86 R22.21	R 8.49
Free State Sasiplass Gold Mining Company Limited Chairman: Mr D. A. Etheredge	1977 76	R 6,359,000 R 5,001,000	1,234,000 1,193,000	4,482 3,895	3.63 · . 3.26	R19.03 R15.71	R 5.15 R 4.19
Free State Geduid Limited Chairman: Mr D. B: Hoffe	1977 76	.R92,314,000 . R73,332,000	3.436,000 2,104,000	44,274 34,462	12.89 16.38	R21.35^ R19.91	R34.85
Western Holdings Limited Chairman: Mr D. B. Hoffe	1977 76 :	R74,389,000 R75,975,000	3,093,000 2,974,000	36,396 37,759	11.77 12.70	R19.74 R17.54	R24.05 R25.55
Welkom Gold Mining Company Limited : Chairman: Mr D. B. Hoffe	1977 - 76	R 7,777,000 R 6,085,000	2,183,000 2,101,000	<b>13,886</b> 13,188	6.36 6.28	R20.21 R18.40	R 3.57 R 2.90

The annual general meetings of these companies will be held at 44 Main Street, Johannesburg, South Africa, on 25th January.

1978. Full copies of each of the Chairmen's reviews together with the annual reports of all the companies may be obtained from their London office at 40 Holborn Viaduot, EC1P 1AJ or from the office of the United Kingdom Transfer Secretaries, Charter Consolidated Limited, P.O. Box 102, Charter House, Park Street, Ashford, Kent

#### FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

## No follow through in equities

the dollar premium gave share reprices a marginal lift and enabled most of the industrial Beers, up 11p to 310p, and leaders to revert to their overnight positions after early weak-

Naturally enough overseas but for the rest there was disappointment et the lack of follow through to Tuesday. Opinion was divided about the effect of the dollar premium news but some were pessimistically predicting last night that it would mean an increased outflow of British funds to Wall Street and other foreign mar-

Look out for a requotation of Nationwide Leisure shares early next year. Chairman Mr John Hutchings says he is just waiting for an opportune moment which carnot come "soon enough". Mr John Cutting, of Financial Network Guaranty, who recently picked up 28 per cent from abortive bidder BCA, will not be making an offer for NL.

The FT Index, 2.5 down at 11 nm, rollied sufficiently to In a comparatively subdued git-edged market early falls of around half a point in longs" were all but wiped out in later dealings. Shorter maturines dealings. Shorter maturities eased one-sixteenth or so. Bond dealers said the decision of the TUC Council net to back the firemen's strike also helped

Fixed-interes: dealers feel that the new long "tap" will receive a warm reception when the lists open today. If it is quickly over-subscribed they do not rule out the possibility of a

Philips Lamps which added 20p to £8.62. Early falls in gold share were quickly erased and by the close of trading most were up to 25p better. An exceptionally firm spot was Randfontein which firmed £1.62 to £31.12.

There was a busy market in

bil and speculative stocks where Newman Granger gained op to 35p on news of an approach and Leisure & General firmed to 52p on the higher Ladbroke stake. Talk that the United States group which bought the Wilkinson Match stake might soon bid for full control lifted the shares 10p to control little the shares lop to 213p while two mentioned here as bid candidates were in good form. White Child gaining 9p to 84p and G. Dew 5p to 156p. For the former the hope is that Guinness will come with minority terms while for Dew 5mth benefiting from its dominant position in the gold share market.

The forthcoming results continued to boost Thorn, which

speculative interest was good for rises in A. Monk 5p to 84p, Leigh Interests 6p to 176p, Caledonian Associated Cinemas 70p to 240p and Whatman Reeve 5p to 263p. Dividend prospects helped AGB Research to gain 2p to 84p, Spear & Jack-son slumped 38p to 120p after the lowering of its profits forecast and Distillers fell 4p to 169p after the EEC ruling against its pricing structure. Hopes of cheaper holidays had Horizon Midland 3p firmer at 68p while North Sea potential attracted a strong demand to Thomson Organisation which closed with a gain of 29p to 674p. Stockjobbers Akroyd & Smithers 10p to 228p and Smith

for a similar reason S. & W. Berisford gained 6p to 220p. Figures just about in line with market estimates helped BOC International to hold steady

Muirhead, the electrical and electronic group, attracted fresh support rising 8p to 200p on takeover hopes. Once Racal was widely tipped as a suitor but that is now discounted. More likely, say dealers, is an Ameri-can group like ITT or Honey-well with a maximum price of

Equity turnover on December 20 was 567.47m (10,676 bar-Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Tele graph, were Beecham, BP, Lonrho, Charter Consolidated, Distillers, BAT Dfd, Berisford, Tarmac, Tube Investments, Barclays Bank, Midland Bank, De Beers, Consolidated Gold Fields, Spear & Jackson and Wilkinson March.

#### Latest results

Company -	Sales .	Profits	<b>Earnings</b>	Div	Pay	Year's
nt or Fit	£m	£m	per share	pence	date	total
GB Research (I)	—( <del></del> )	()	()	1.1(1.3)	20.1	(2.0)
OC Int (F)	670.6(607.6)	82,2(73.6)	14.49(10.04)	1.7(1.5)	3/4	3.13(2.65)
dbro (Hidgs) (I)		1.1(1.7)	8.44(12.44)	2.03(1.82)	30/1	<b>—</b> (5.6)
			0.82(0.94)			
Jectric & Gen (I)	-(-)	0.23(0.27)		0.65(0.50)	1/2	(1.1)
states & Agey (1)	) —(—)	0.02(0.02)	<del>()</del>	<del>-(-)</del>		-(0.41)
lali Bros (F))	—( <del>—</del> )	0.136(0.06b)	16.36b(8.12b)	2.64(8.25)		2.64(8.25)
lampton Tst (I)	0.09(0.17)	0.016(0.05)	<del>()</del>	<b>—(—)</b>	-	<del>()</del>
lighgate Opt (I)		0.13(0.10)	()	0.62(0.86)	9/2	(2.0)
lutchinson (Q)	6.2(5.2)	0.41(0.33)	~-(`—-)	<del>-(-)</del>		-(-)
nt Factors		0.70(0.45)	()	_/ <u>`</u> _`	_	()·
	45.7(40.9)	3.7(3.0)	9.48(7.72)	3.0(1.4)	31/3	9.0a(4.4)
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	<del>()</del> .	0.69(0.42)	<del>()</del>	<b>-(-)</b>		-(-)
grtti & Zmbia (I)	4.4(4.0)	0.08(0.06)	1.2(2.0)	<del>(</del> )	_	<b>—(3.3)</b>
rtn & Wright (I)	1.5(1.1)	0.31(0,27)	5.4(4.6)	1.3(1.17)	_	<b>(3.7)</b>
Paterson (I)	7.9(6.0)	0.58(0.06)	<del>()</del>	1.03(Nil)	11/2	(2.2)
Record Ridgwy (F	()17.7(15.6)	2.4(1.9)	13.05(10.28)	3.0(1.8)	1/4	4.5(3.0)
otheby Parke (P)		4.8(3.3)	23.9(17.0)	5.0(—)	3/1	-(-)
omena Larke (L)		3.4(1.4)		—( <del>—</del> )		<del>-</del> (-)
ricentrol (Q)		3.4(1.4)	<b>()</b>			
oodrow Wytt (I)	2.8(2.7)	0.24b(0 <u>.</u> 007)	<del>()</del>	Nil(1.13)	. —	(2.5)
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### **Borthwick sets out future policy** on Matthews' associates

An eventful year for Thomas Borthwick, the international meat trader which went public only 18 months ago, has clearly taken its toll in balance-sheet

The group's report and accounts issued yesterday reveals that total borrowings jumped from £36m to £42.5m where they stand some 45 per cent above shareholders funds of just over £29m excluding goodwill.

These figures take no account of Matthews Holdings which Borthwick took over in a cash-and-share deal worth £12.5m just before the September 30

consolidation of Matthews, which was asself highly geared with borrowings of £13½m and net worth of £10½m, will make further inroads into the group's

R. Ridgway

£2.4m target

In line with forecasts made

at the time of the rights issue

hand tool manufacturer Record

Ridgway turus in a pre-tax profit of £2.4m for the year to October 2. This compares with a previous £1.96m and comes on

Kingdom demand the group has

been concentrating on exports and sales overseas rose from a

previous £5.7m to £7.3m. Market

share has been increased but

Inflation has also been in-

creasing the pressures on the group according to Mr Antony Hampton, chairman.

The small overseas companies

have seen profits trimmed back by the continuing recession but

they are still trading in the black, the chairman reveals.

Turnover dropped 14 per cent n the period from £2.8m to

in the period from £2.8m to £2.4m but this is partly accounted for by the 15 per cent difference in the conversion rate between 1976 and 1977.

For shareholders there is a final divideod of 4.5p compared

to last year's 23p.
The Ridgway directors report that the recent rights issue has

been accepted in respect, of 94.72 per cent of the shares.

Sotheby knocks

up increase on

forecast £4.6m

Auctioneer Sotheby Parke Bernet came under the hammer

the first time as a public com-pany yesterday. And despite bearing the forecast £4.6m the

shares eased ip to close at

with a previous £3.3m on revenue up from £19.6m to

Mr Peter Wilson, chairman, reports that trading in the first four months of the current year has been buoyant. Not

For shareholders there is a dividend of 7.69p, as forecast at the time of the offer for

In the 12 months to August 31 last, the group made a pre-tex profit of £4.9m, compared

matches

Dr Bill Bullen, chairman, points out in his statement that the increase in the existing accounts is all short-term. The net short-term figure has increased £10m while the longterm debt has fallen £3.4m, partly reflecting reclassification of borrowings payable next year and also the cash acquisition of Midland Cattle Products.

Dr Builen tells shareholders that it should be borne in mind that in the short-term the particular investment policy the group has selected to achieve a broader base must lead to a diminution of net current assets.

Borthwick, however, hopes significantly to redress the balance by disposals of loss-making parts of the Matthews conglomerate while injecting ff.4m after earlier op-more working capital into trading statement had I profitable areas. It has also stock market to expect taken an interesting decision thing in excess of £10m.

with regard to Matthews various essociates.

Dr Bullen pointing out that much of Matthews' profit comes from these associates declares: "This is a trep". The cash generated, he says, is often not available for dividends to the investing company.

"Our policy", he goes on,
"will be either to dispose of
such interests or to move into a majority ownership position if it is appropriate". Among the groups in which Matthews has significant holdings are

has signment modings are several quoted ones including A. J. Mills (39 per cent), and Dixor (56 per cent).

Last mouth Borthwick hat by labour problems in New Zealand and Australia reported disappointing pre-tax profits of 16 Am. after earlier optimistic £6.4m after earlier optimistic trading statement had led the

### Tricentrol doubles up after nine months

Tricentrol has more than

doubled its profits for the nine months to September 30, and now stands at £3.39m pre-tax. The group appears set to top the £4m projected by some observers earlier this year. Turnover in the same period in treased by 34 per cent to £70.5m. the back of turnover up from £15.5m to £17.8m; With the depressed United

The group reports that the first two production wells on the Thistie "A" platform are nearing completion and a start to production is expected later this month or the beginning of with the current strength of sterling, a previous exchange gain of £90,000 has been turned into a loss of £60,000. January. A sophisticated seison survey over the northern half of block 211/18 is now being-evaluated ahead of the 1978 drilling programme. Formal award of the licence

next year.

covering blocks 14/16 and 14/17 gas wells. A further 1 (Tricestrol 12) per cent) has drilled under farm-out a not yet been made. However ments and brought about a joint seismic survey covering natural gas discoveries.

these and adjacent blocks has been arranged and is now expected to take place early

In Canada the group has participated in the dralling of 27 wells resulting in 24 discoveries; nine oil and 15 gas. A further five wells were drilled by other companies on Tricentrol's leases at no cost to the group itself, resulting in four potential gas wells and one potential oil and gas wells and one potential oil and gas well. In the United States profits reflect the full effect of small producer status and the increase in the nationwide gas price which remains under appear to construct the construction. appeal by consumer groups.

In the Rearpaw area,
Montana, Tricentrol took part
in the drilling of 11 wells resulting in six successful natural gas wells. A further 12 were drilled under farm-out arrangements and brought about five

Despite difficult trading conditions in the United Kingdom both the engineering and poly-mer divisions pushed volume up in the period. Rubber bands-to-packaging materials manufacturer H. A. Coombs which made an opening

loss last year, returned to profit with a small contribution while growth from the rubber mouldings subsidiary also helped the polymer division. The brake was put on further expansion by losses in the industrial rubber

Full steam

Lindustries

Lindustries, the engineering,

polymer and textiles group, hoisted pre-tax profits by more than a fifth in the first half of this year.

Ali divisions contributed to

the improvement which saw the group make £3.7m pre-tax in the 28 weeks to October 15, against

£3m last time. Turnover rose from a previous £41m to £46m.

ahead at

By Alison Mitchell

On the engineering side in-creasing sales from the motor vehicle components, metal form-ing machinery and brewing equipment companies beined posh profits from a previous £880,000 to £1.19m.

Overseas, trading has been mixed with conditions in Canada and South Africa providing pro-blems for Lindustries. And yearend profits could be hit by ex-change losses, according to Mr William Luke, chairman

Earlier this year the group successfully fought off a £25m bid from the Hanson Trust and Mr Ian Eiloart, finance director. reveals that the costs, fully provided for in the half-year figures, amounted to around £40,000.

Trading since October has been buoyant and the chairman envisages a profits increase for the second-half raking the year's total past last time's £6.6m.

As known there is an interim As known there is an anterim dividend of 4.5p, against a previous 2.1p and the directors forecast a total payout of 13.5p for the year. Last year's dividends amounted to 6.7p. The shares were unchanged at 1470 yesterday.

### Ladbroke wins more Leisure & Gen

Leisure & General Holdings has been acquired by Ladbroke. This betting aid entertain ments group has received acceptances on another 3.5 per cent of the equity of Leisure, a boliday centres and bookmaking group, which it is try-ing to take over at a price of 60p a share.

The stake came from the former owners of a bookmaking

business sold to Leisure in return for the shares. It was the biggest holding in. Leisure apart from the stake controlled by Industrial & Commercial Finance Corporation, which is also advising the Leisure board in its bid

Woodrow Wyatt loss but worst over

Another block of shares in eisure & General Holdings has een acquired by Ladbroke. his betting and entertainments group has received coeptances on another 3.5 per chairman, is not dismayed and says that the trading climate has now improved, and there has been a "significant turn-around" in the business.

Since the end of the half-year

the group has traded profitably. Judging by the present state of the order book, a profit is seen for the second half of the current year. But in the present circumstances the board does not propose to pay a dividend.

Setback, but Edbro defence. Ladbroke recently acquired a 14.5 per cent stake On the mend

A slip in profits at the unaverse stage is reported by Edbro (Holdings) but this engineering recovered to minist Despite a rise in turnover encouraging activity in the price

haif. Pre-tax profits for the six months to September 30 disped from £1.7m to £1.13m. This excludes any contribution from Longton Machinery Supplies and Edbro Scotkard Both willbe included in the year and figures but with these left our of the total, the board says that it is unlikely that profits will equal the record £3.6m brought in for 1976-77. Some of the profit shortfall can recovered in the second half.

JCI suspends copper more operations.

Otjihase, Johannesburg Consolidated Investments' much troubled copper mine in Ramibia, is to be placed on care and maintenance. Operations are being suspended because of the continuous demands of the

# Net sales at auction during the year amounted to £124m compared with a 1976 total of £98.4m. Earnings per shares in precision engineers and car jack manufacturers known over the Wilson chairmen. Newman Granger Industries

were given a boost on the stock market as the directors dis-closed that they had received a takeover approach.

A statement from the Notyear has been buoyant. Net auction sales are already up on the same period last rane, standing at 552m against 543m. tingham-based company said the approach might lead to an offer, but the directors gave

warning they did not ke whether the offer would

Briefly

The news quickly pushed Newman Granger's shares 6p to 32p; putting a £1.6m price tag on the whole company.

LIVERPOOL BUILDING SOCIETY In its centenary year, group thieved highest percentage growth

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GOLDRIE FOUCARD

Board says results for full year
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#### FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

### Hitachi aims to match ast year's outcome

International

Japanese electronics manufac-turer Hitachi hopes to maintain its net profit for the year to end-March, 1978, at the same level as last year's 70,000m yen (about £147.3m) despite sluggish demestic demand and the yen's

The company said it expects net sales on the same basis to rise slightly from 2,200,000m yen in the previous year. Exports totalled 226,900m yen, up 23 per cent from 183,800m

yen in the similar period a year earlier and up 10 per cent from 206,000m yen in the prior half-Sales of heavy electricals, light electricals and motors mailed 274,200m yen, up 41 per cent from 194,900m yen a year earlier and up 11 per cent from 246,600m yen in the previous period.

period.

Sales of home electric appliances totalled 256,000m yen, up 6 per cent from 240,600m yen a year ago and up 4 per cent from 247,000m yen in the prior sixmonth period.—Reuter.

#### Kathleen Rights

Kathicen Investments (Australia) is to make a one-for-four rights issue of 2.46m 50 cent par shares at 75 cents per share to shereholders registered at January 13. Current issued capital is 9.85m sheres. Kathleen shares have risen 7 cents to \$A1.60 on the Sydney Stock

Kathleen said that the issue is to raise funds to take up its en-titlement of about 50 per cent of sitement of about 50 per cent of a one-for-four rights issue of 3.84m 50 cents per shares at SA1 per share by Oueensland Mines. Shares of Oueensland Mines have fallen 10 cents to SA2.05 in Sydney today. It is raising funds which will be required next year to enable it to continue project engineering work and maintain an advanced state of readiness to develon the state of readiness to develop the Nabarlek uranium deposit.

#### Pakhoed's gloom

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Dutch group Pakhoed Holding NV says that its Paktank storage tank division's performance, including operations in West Germany, had deteriorated since first-half results were published in August Paktank now looks like making a considerable second-half loss for 1977.

Turnover and profits of the Paktrans division in Rotterdam and Amsterdent has also deteriorated in the second-half. But its property Blauwhoed's is going well, and no forecast can yet be made of overall group earnings. In 1976 it made a net profit of 43m florins (about 19.5m) on sales of 457m florins.

#### **Pancontinental**

Pancontinental, the Australian mining concern, has received letters from 10 European and 12 American utilities expressing in-terest in substantial purchases of uranium from the Jabiluka project in the Northern Terri-

project in the Northern Territory, according to Mr Tony Grey, chairman.

The quantities being sought exceed 45,000 tonnes over the 10 years from 1981 to 1990, more than the initial design capacity of the proposed plant. The Jabiluka deposits are calculated to have received with a total of to have reserves with a total of 207,400 tonnes of contained uranium oxide U308.

DEUNDI-GADEK INDONESIA Boards say that, following com-pletion of revised offer at present being made by Rightwise for Deundi they intend to open dis-cussions with a view to exploring the possibility of a merger.

JOHANNESBURG CONSOL Johannesburg. — Johannesburg Consolidated Investment Co Lud's R40m eight year redeemable preference share issue attracted applications equal to only 58.8 per cent of the issue, Standard Merchant Rank Ltd and Union Acceptances Ltd, said.—Reuter.

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### **Commodities**

Eurosyndicat The Eurosyndicat Index on European share prices was put provisionally at 117.64 on December 20 against 120.27 a week earlier.

#### Foreign Exchange

By recent standards, it was a far less volatile day on foreign exchanges yesterday. Sterling closed a further 40 points up against the dollar at \$1.8845, right in the middle of the day's "spread" of \$1.8800-\$1.8890. The effective exchange rate index finished down 0.1 at 64.4, having been 64.4 at the opening and 64.5 at midday.

Trading was negligible and markets extremely thin throughout, causing many dealers to widen their quotes or, in some cases, not making one at all. The decision to abandon the 25 percent surrender rule on the investment dollar premium had been largely amticipated and made no impact whatsoever on rates.

The dollar closed mixed against Coutinentals, German marks eased from 2.1255 to 2.1180.

Gold gained \$0.75 to close in London at \$160.375.

#### **Spot Position** of Sterling



Forward Levels

Gold Discount market

Coping with a very substantial shortage of funds in the discount market yesterday the Bank of England gave exceptionally large assistance and at the same time made it clear that last week's message still stood: that it saw no reason for any change in MLR this side of the new year. this side of the new year.

The Bank bought a small amount of local authority bills from the houses and a moderate amount of Treasury bills from banks and houses. The total of the bill operations was moderate. In addition, the Bank lent a small sum for seven days (the signal) and an extremely large sum overnight, Five or six houses participated in this MIR borrowing at MIR, the total sum borrowed being exceptionally large.

# These official operations were again rather overdone and rates fell away sharply in the closing minutes. But, for most of the session; the very tight money situation had kept overnight funds very expensive as the houses made only limited progress towards target, with bids up to 7 per cent, in the face of interbank competition. In the slide of the closing minutes, however, books were ruled off in the band of 2 per cent to 4 per cent.

**Money Market** and Minimum Lending Rate 7%

#### Wall Street

New York, Dec 21.—The New York stock market closed higher, with the Dow Jones industrial average rising 7.71 to \$13.93. Advances numbered 866 with 562 issues declining.

Analysts pointed to factors that may have helped the market move higher First. the report that a

higher First, the report that a compromise has been worked out between House and Senate conferees on natural gas prices was welcome news to investors.

Also providing some relief from the uncertainty over Washington policy was the report that the President has decided on a tax package which includes in a \$25,000m.a-year fax cut, about \$2,300m of reductions in excise taxes and employer payroll taxes.

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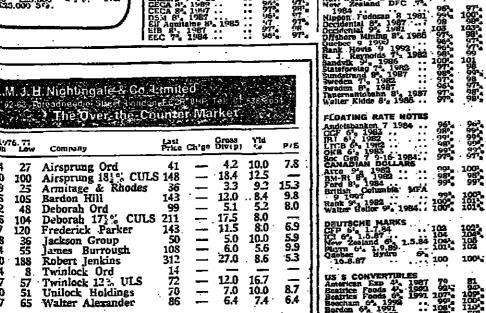
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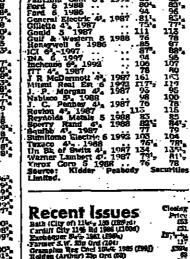
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Almost the most startling of the

many statistics contained in the 52page survey is the annual cost of accidents which is put at £972m. The average cost of a fatal accident is £47,500 has a disproportionate effect on motorand a serious injury accident £3,210. Ways.

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1976 was 4½ per cent higher than in 1975, although motor traffic also in-creased by about 4½ per cent over the same period. (This year casualties seem to have been about 2 per cent more

The number of deaths (6,570) and

Pedestrian casualties fell by 17 per cent hetween 1972 and 1975 and there was a further 1 per cent drop last year. But pedestrians tend to be more badly injured than other road users and in 1976 they still accounted for lattice and its actual number of fatables are note than a quarter of serious injuries. The biggest increase in casualties occurred among users of motor cycles and mopeds (up 21 per cent) and pedal cyclists (up 11 per cent) although the average distances triefly.

Camada (26).

But if another yardstick is used—

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by 19 per cent and 3 per cent respectively.

The dramatic rise in two-wheeler casualties—they are now running at new small hatchback has to some expectively are reflection of the growing popularity of motor cycles and mopeds since the oil crisis. About 70 per cent of accidents involving two wheeled motor vehicle—suggesting that it is by no means always the bike rider who is to blame—and two thirds take place at junctions.

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Smart and practical—the Chrysler Sunbeam GL

emphasized, a small proposition; in that characterizes the car's nearest 1976 there were 3,526 motorway accidents, of which only 117 took place in 1976, Motorways have a higher percent ger, I am not so sure. On a motorway age of their accidents in fog than other surface there can be no grumbles but trunk roads, indicating either that the suspension does not, under duress, motorways have more fog or that fog have the resilience of the best French has a disproportionate effect on motor ways and really bad roads can cause the car's nearest the car's nearest suspension.

Road casualties have increased signify since the sharp drop during of the nation's traffic. So the motorway the oil crisis. The total of 340,000 once more emerges as by far the safest people killed or injured in Britain in type of road. The 117 accidents in fog on motorways represented less than one in 2,000 of all road accidents.

Finally, some international comparisons based, I should point out, on figures for 1975. In the league table of "road deaths per 100,000 population", The number of deaths (6,570) and serious injuries (79,531) each rose by Britain comes out very well. Its figure 3 per cent in 1976 and slightly injured of 12 is the lowest among the 26 countries listed. Next best were Norway and the marter into wider perspective, total casualties last year were 15 per cent below the peak of 1965, since when raffic has increased by more than 50 per cent.

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the car to "bottom out".

and a serious injury accident £3,210. Ways.

The calculations are based on such factors as police, and medical time and loss of earnings.

The cost of road accidents to the community is one of the strongest records to the argument that "if I choose not to wear a belt that is my affair and no one else is involved." If these people were prepared to contract out of the National Health Service, their claim night have more force.

Road casualties have increased slightly since the sharp drop during the oil crisis. The total of 340,000 the service and the nation's traffic. So the motorway accidents in the car to "bottom out".

My other second opinion concerns performance. Originally I drove the Sunbeam engine options from the smallest upwards, and there was a sharp contrast between the slow, inflexible and one last is my affair and no one else is involved death or serious injury, last year the proportion was only 31 per cent. Perhaps we are coping with seem so brisk and willing and the car is certainly not as kively as the 1256 Chevette. Acceleration to 60 mph takes accounted for 1.4 of all road accidents, nearly 18 seconds, against 15 on the Vaughall.

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Once it is wound up, though, the Sunbeam cruises happily enough and a top speed of 90 mph leaves enough in hend for motorway driving. Nor, except under fierce acceleration, is the engine polys. Whod noise is well suppressed. Fuel consumption is excellent: I ranged from 30 mpg. crawling in London traffic to 43 mpg on the open wood.

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beyond a tarry predictable understeer. But it does tend to be jogged off line on poor surfaces.

Many people, I suppose, will turn to the Sunbeam because of its practicality. With an overall length of 12-fir it is not too big to pack easily, yet it is a genuine four-seaser—even if six forcements the linear content of the surface of th

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